

- ▶ will and going to
- ▶ present continuous
- ▶ could, may, might, be likely/unlikely, be bound to

Refresh your memory

Future forms

will + do

I'll open the window.
instant decisions,
predictions, future facts

going to + do

It's going to rain.
plans & intentions,
prediction based on
present situation

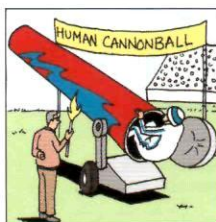
is/are doing

I'm seeing the doctor at 10.30.
fixed arrangements for
the future

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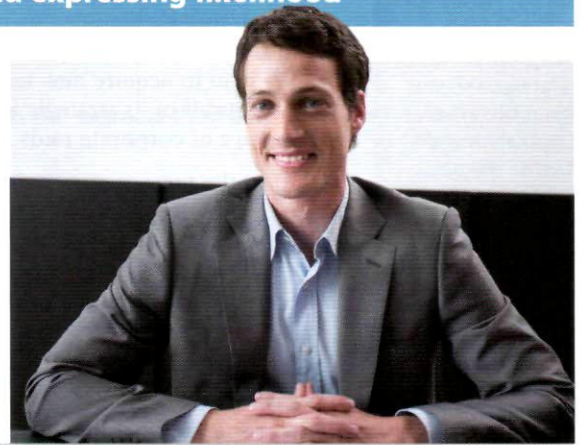


7.3 Grammar Future forms and expressing likelihood

Arrangements, plans and contingencies

1 With a partner, look at Tom's diary. Talk about his arrangements, plans, and intentions for next week. Be careful to use appropriate future forms.

On Monday, he's not working, so he'll probably sleep late. He might have breakfast at Starbucks™, and then he's going to clean his flat.



	am	pm
Monday	Day off work! Sleep late, breakfast at Starbucks? Must clean flat!!	Eye doctor 3.45. Go swimming later? Big match on TV; order pizza, invite Martin?
Tuesday	Drive car to garage for service. Bus to work? or walk if sunny.	Marketing Presentation 2.00 (don't forget to ask Kate for help with PPT) Pick up car 6.30.
Wednesday	No meetings. Paperwork, prepare for Thurs, etc.	Dinner with Ashley. Book nice restaurant, buy flowers!
Thursday	Customer visit. Train 7.30, arrive 9.30. Taxi to office, meeting 10.00	Lunch at The Tree (table booked) Ask customer about needs for next year. Home late.
Friday	Best day to ask boss about holidays? NB if Thursday successful.	Finish early. Call Ashley if dinner went well.
Saturday	My birthday! 23 – that's really old! Buy food for tonight	Birthday party at Tom's house. Let's dance! If Ashley can't come, invite Kelly.
Sunday	Sleep? or play squash? Read newspapers Must phone Mum!	Help Tom clean up. Go for walk with Ashley (or Kelly?) if no rain. If rain, cinema?

2 Tell your partner what's in your own diary/PDA/smartphone/head for next week.

Expressing likelihood

3 In small groups, take turns to make predictions about the things below. Use expressions from the table opposite to evaluate the probability of your predictions actually happening.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 a sports event | 5 the job market |
| 2 the economy in your country | 6 the next election |
| 3 your next exam/test/evaluation | 7 next season's fashions |
| 4 the weather | 8 your own predictions |

A: *I think Brazil will win the World Cup.*

B: *No, it's unlikely.*

C: *There's no way! Spain are much stronger!*

B: *I think there's a good chance that the economy is going to continue getting worse before it gets better.*

A: *Definitely. There's no doubt that the recession is going to carry on for some time yet.*

C: *I'm not so sure. I think we could see things starting to improve soon.*