

10 Making predictions

When you talk about a future event, you might need to say how likely it is that the event will happen. There are a number of ways that you can do this.

 **New language** Degrees of likelihood

 **Vocabulary** Idioms about time

 **New skill** Talking about possibilities

10.1 KEY LANGUAGE DEGREES OF LIKELIHOOD

You can use different constructions to show how likely you think something is to happen. These range from certainty that it won't happen to certainty that it will happen.

Will the hotel be ready next month?



No, the hotel **definitely won't** be ready by then.

No, the hotel **won't** be ready by then.



The hotel **probably won't** be ready by then.

The hotel is **unlikely** to be ready by then.



The hotel **might** be ready by then.



It's **likely** that the hotel will be ready by then.

The hotel **will probably** be ready by then.



Yes, the hotel **will** be ready by then.

Yes, the hotel **will definitely** be ready by then.





10.2 MATCH THE STATEMENTS TO THE CORRECT PREDICTIONS

There are lots of delays today.

1 I don't have much money.

2 He's worked so hard for his exams.

3 She's a talented young pianist.

4 Look at the line outside the stadium.

5 You don't have a very good voice.

6 My sister loves to travel.

7 Joe goes running every day.

We probably won't get tickets.

He'll pass them all, no problem.

She'll probably go to Australia one day.

Our train will definitely be delayed too.

She might be famous one day.

He might be running a marathon soon.

I definitely won't go on vacation this year.

You definitely won't ever be in an opera.



10.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE PHRASES

-  1 **likely**
to happen
-  2 **might**
happen
-  3 **probably won't**
happen
-  4 **unlikely**
to happen
-  5 **definitely will**
happen



10.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MARK THE STRESSED SYLLABLES

unsurprisingly

- 1 **f**undamentally
- 2 **e**sentially
- 3 **s**urprisingly
- 4 **p**redictably
- 5 **f**ortunately
- 6 **i**nterestingly
- 7 **l**uckily
- 8 **u**nfortunately



10.5 READ THE ARTICLE AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS FULL SENTENCES

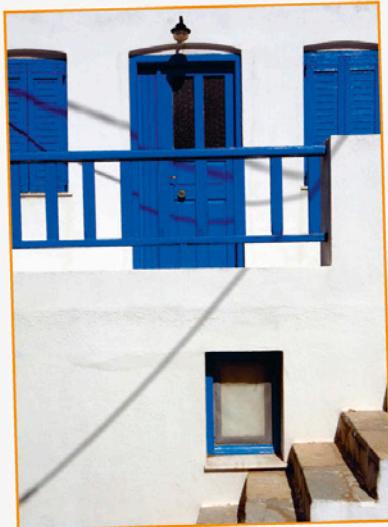
PROPERTY

HOUSE PRICES ON THE RISE

A normal goal for many young people is to fly the nest and move into a house of their own. In many tourist areas, however, this is becoming a very unlikely goal for young local people. In resorts around the world, tourists are buying properties either as short-term investments or to live in part-time. As people from the cities (or wealthy countries) compete to buy the properties, it is only a matter of time until the prices rise. These prices are unlikely to be affordable for young local people. This makes it more difficult for them to remain in their own towns if they want to live independently.

In the long run, there is a cost to society and communities. Marisa Cali lives in a picturesque village on a Greek island. "Many of the houses in the village are now empty most of the year. There are fewer people around. It's not like it used to be, but I guess it's the shape of things to come for many island villages."

Some local governments are insisting that a percentage of all new homes built in such areas must be affordable for locals. Other governments are charging higher fees for overseas buyers. So far, these policies have had little impact on the situation.



What does "flying the nest" mean?

"Flying the nest" means leaving your parents' home.

1 What two reasons are mentioned for buying second homes?

2 What problem are many local young people facing in tourist areas?

3 How has Marisa Cali's village changed?

4 What two things are some local governments doing to counter this problem?

Aa**10.6** FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE IDIOMS IN THE PANELHe's broken his arm, but, thankfully, there's no **long-term** injury.This is only a **short-term** solution. We'll have to fix the fence properly soon.OK, we'll order pizza tonight, but **in the long run** we need to sort out a meal plan.I don't understand this new digital system, but I know it's **the shape of things to come**.It was **only a matter of time** before the company hit its targets.

the shape of things to come

long-term

only a matter of time

in the long run

short-term

**10** **CHECKLIST** Degrees of likelihood Aa Idioms about time Talking about possibilities **REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 7-10**

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
PHRASAL VERBS	He filled the customs form in . She always comes up with exciting plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.1, 7.3, 7.6
NARRATIVE TENSES	As we were walking home, we saw a juggler. We had already exchanged our money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.1
THE PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS	He had been learning English for two years before he went to London.	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.4
MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS	You must visit the palace. It is beautiful!	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.1
GIVING ADVICE	You should wear a hat. It's very sunny. If I were you , I would wear a hat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.5 9.6
DEGREES OF LIKELIHOOD	The hotel's unlikely to be ready by next month. It will definitely be ready by then.	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.1