

### Activity Type

Reading and speaking activity, group work

### Language Focus

First conditional questions

Phrases of probability

### Aim

To ask first conditional questions and answer with phrases of probability.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each group of three and cut as indicated.

### Level

Intermediate

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

In this entertaining speaking activity, students play a game where they ask first conditional questions and answer with phrases of probability.

### Procedure

Begin by writing the following probability phrases on the board:

I'm sure... I expect... It's possible... I doubt if... It's unlikely...  
... will definitely... ...will probably... ...may/might...  
...definitely won't... ...won't...

Ask the students some first conditional questions and have them reply using the phrases from the board.

Tell the students that they are going to practice asking first conditional questions and answering with phrases of probability.

Divide the class into groups of three and give each group a set of cards.

Tell the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Students take it in turns to pick up a card.

The student with the card then asks the person on their right a first conditional question using the clause on the card. If the student picks up an 'If...' card, they create their own first conditional question.

If the question is grammatically correct, the student scores a point.

The other student then answers the question using a phrase of probability from the board.

If the answer is grammatically correct, the student also gets a point.

Then the next student picks up a card and so on.

If students are unsure of a question or answer, they can ask you.

The student with the highest score at the end of the game is the winner.



If you have time next weekend...

If you can afford it...

If you wake up late tomorrow...

If you run out of money...

If your English improves a lot...

If you live to be 100 years old...

If you decide to start a new career...

If you get the opportunity...

If you lose your keys...

If you suddenly become ill...

If you win the lottery...

If you go to a party...

If you go abroad next year...

If you have nothing to do tonight...

If your neighbour annoys you...

If you don't understand the teacher...

If...

If...

If...

If...