

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, oral presentation, freer practice (pair and group work)

Writing: writing a summary

Focus

Modal verbs of possibility

Adverbs of probability

Making predictions

Expressing certainty

Aim

To ask and answer questions about the future.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

This modals of possibility and certainty activity can be used to help teach students modal verbs of possibility, adverbs of probability, predicting and expressing certainty.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students that they are going to ask and answer questions about the future.

Go through how to form the questions from the prompts on the worksheet, e.g. 'Do you think you will do some exercise today?'

Draw the students' attention to the modal verbs of possibility and adverbs of probability at the top of the worksheet.

Explain that when the students respond to a question, they must use one of the modal verbs or adverbs in their answer.

Students then take it in turns to ask and answer the questions and complete the chart with their partner's answers by ticking the relevant column.

When the pairs have finished, they join with two other pairs to make a group of six.

Working as a group, students then write about the information they found out, e.g. 'In our group, four people think they might do some exercise today, but two people think they definitely won't', etc.

Afterwards, students take it in turns to present their group's results to the class and feedback is given.

Do you think you will...?		I definitely will	I probably will	I may/might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
Today...	do some exercise					
	write an email					
Tomorrow...	get up early					
	drink some coffee					
In the next few days...	go to a restaurant					
	make a new friend					
This week...	go to the cinema					
	play a sport					
This month...	take an exam					
	buy a new phone					
In the next six months...	go on holiday					
	give somebody flowers					
Before your next birthday...	paint a picture					
	give a presentation					
This year...	take up a new hobby					
	learn a new language					
In the next two years...	move house					
	travel abroad					
In the next five years...	win the lottery					
	write a book					
In the next ten years...	travel around the world					
	have children					
In your lifetime...	live in a foreign country					
	become famous					