

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
sentence completion
guided discussion, freer
practice (group work)

Focus

Expressing possibility
and certainty: *will, will
probably, may, might,
probably won't, won't.*

Making predictions

Giving opinions

Aim

To make predictions and
express possibility and
degrees of certainty for
statements about life in
the year 2050.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
worksheet for each
student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this modal verbs of possibility and certainty activity, students make predictions and express possibility and degrees of certainty for statements about life in the year 2050 using *will, will probably, may, might, probably won't* and *won't*.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Go through the statements on the worksheet and explain that all the sentences relate to the year 2050.

Working alone, students complete each statement on the worksheet with an expression of possibility or certainty that best expresses their opinion, e.g. 'In the year 2050, people might live on the moon'.

Next, divide the students into groups of four.

Students then take it in turns to read each statement to the other group members.

After all four students have read a statement, students discuss any differences of opinion and come to a consensus for the statement.

When they have reached an agreement, each student writes yes or no in the second column, depending on whether the group agreed with their original statement or not.

Afterwards, each group shares their ideas with the class, giving reasons for their opinions.

Finally, see if the students can reach a class consensus for each statement.



LIFE IN THE YEAR 2050



What do you think life will be like in the year 2050?

Complete each statement with a word or phrase in bold that best expresses your opinion.

will

will probably

might/may

probably won't

won't

In the year 2050,...	Does your group agree?
1. people live on the moon.	
2. there be more pollution than there is now.	
3. there be drones instead of police officers.	
4. whales be extinct.	
5. people live in virtual reality.	
6. people have a lot more free time.	
7. students study at home on computers.	
8. earth be visited by aliens.	
9. everyone will have electrical implants.	
10. there flying cars.	