



♦ Expressing Probability ♦

100%	sure definitely	will
75%	probably (there's) a good chance	should ought to
50%	not sure don't know	might may could
25%	don't think (so) probably not/won't doubt (that)	shouldn't ought not to
0%	no chance definitely not No way!	won't

See the teacher's introduction on page 131.

Introductory Exercises

Fill in the blanks with the words or phrases in **bold** type.

There's a good chance we will. There might be. don't think sure I won't They'll definitely have some.

1. A: Do you think your aunt will visit us next month?
2. B: (25%): No, I _____ she'll come.
3. A: We need some tomatoes. Do you think the store will have some today?
4. B: (100%): _____ .
5. A: I wonder if there will be a good movie on TV tonight.
6. B: (50%): _____ .
7. A: Be careful at work today. There are a lot of people with colds these days.
8. B: (0%): Don't worry. I'm _____ get sick.
9. A: Do you think we'll have time to eat dinner before the concert starts?
10. B: (75%): _____ .

no chance probably I doubt it way

11. A: You'd better be careful. Someone might steal your car.
12. B: (0%): No _____ . I have a special lock on it.
13. A: You don't look well. Are you getting a cold?
14. B: (75%): I _____ am. My sister has one now, too.
15. A: Do you think you'll run a marathon this year?
16. B: (0%): There's _____ . I can't even run 3 miles.
17. A: Do you think you'll go swimming this afternoon?
18. B: (25%): _____ . I heard it's supposed to rain this afternoon.

Student A

Step 1. First fill in the blanks. Then ask your partner these questions. Also, answer your partner's questions by using "probability expressions." Try to explain your reasons with some details.

1. Do you think you'll visit _____ this year?
3. Do you think you'll have a _____ someday?
5. Do you think you'll go to bed after midnight tonight?
7. Do you think you'll _____ for the rest of your life?
9. Do you think you'll go _____ this month?
11. Do you think I'll pass this course?
13. Do you think you'll _____ within the next five days?
15. Do you think you'll play _____ this weekend?

Step 2. With your partner, write some "probability questions" in the space below.

Step 3. Find a new partner and ask your questions. Also, answer your new partner's questions. Use the "probability expressions."

Student B

Step 1. First fill in the blanks. Then ask your partner these questions. Also, answer your partner's questions by using the "probability expressions." Try to explain your reasons with some details.

2. Do you think you'll eat _____ for dinner tonight?
4. Do you think you'll _____ for your next vacation?
6. Do you think you'll buy _____ this year?
8. Do you think you'll text or Skype anyone this evening?
10. Do you think I'll be rich someday?
12. Do you think you'll go _____ within the next 2 months?
14. Do you think you'll _____ soon?
16. Do you think I'll _____ soon?

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Step 3. Find a new partner and ask your questions. Also, answer your new partner's questions. Use the "probability expressions."