

MAKING PREDICTIONS

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for talking about the future

Conversation: A busy opening day

Lily	Are you coming to the new bookshop on Saturday? They're giving away books to the first fifty customers.
Sam	Yes, but I think the queue will be long. Lots of people shared the announcement.
Lily	Then we should get there before it opens. Will you be free at half past nine?
Sam	I will. The weather looks good, so it will probably be busy all morning.
Lily	My little brother wants to come too. He loves the writer who's doing the reading.
Sam	He'll definitely enjoy that. Do we need to book seats for it?
Lily	No, but the room is small. Maybe we should ask about tickets when we arrive.
Sam	Good idea. I don't think there will be many seats left if we wait until lunchtime.

Key phrases: I think / will / probably / definitely / I don't think / will

Conversation: Watching a friend's first race

Eva	Amir's race starts in ten minutes. He looks nervous.
Finn	He does, but I think he's going to do well. He's been training every weekend.
Eva	The first part goes up a steep hill. That's what he's worried about.
Finn	It will be difficult, but he practised on that hill last week.
Eva	Do you think he'll finish in under an hour?
Finn	Maybe he will. His last practice run was only a few minutes longer.
Eva	I hope he remembers to start slowly. He always runs too fast at the beginning.
Finn	Let's cheer for him at the halfway point. That should help when he starts getting tired.

Key phrases: I think / going to / It will be / Maybe

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Predict what an opening event will be like. Use current information to plan ahead.

Prompt 2: Discuss how someone may perform in a future event. Explain what your predictions are based on.