# Unit 7 · Predicting

STUDY NOTES

## The unit in one line

- **predict** = say what will happen; a good **prediction** has a reason: *It's going to rain, because the clouds are black.*
- the future three ways: **will**, **going to**, the **present continuous**

## Song: The Dykes (a poem)

- part of *The Dykes* by **Rudyard Kipling** (English), from *The Five Nations*
- **dyke** (*dike*) = a long, strong wall that keeps the sea off low land
- the speakers' fathers built the dykes; they didn't look after them; warned again and again, they **delayed** the repairs
- now the sea is coming: they can only wait and share their **shame**; the wall may fall; they have **betrayed** fathers and sons
- slow and heavy, like waiting for something bad; rhymes: *shame / same, delayed / betrayed*
- old word: **slay** (*slew, slain*) = kill
- link to pollution: warned of a danger, people kept putting off doing anything

## Reading I: Human and the Environment

- **pollution** has harmed land, air and water everywhere; all **contaminated** by waste
- waste comes from **factories, homes and vehicles**; some only an **eyesore**, some a real **threat** (illness, death)
- **factories:** the worst; **toxic** substances kill plants and animals; waste poured into rivers, poisonous **fumes** into the air, where the government doesn't control them
- **fossil fuels** (oil, coal, gas) burned for heating → **carbon dioxide**
- **smokeless zones** haven't worked: vehicles' **exhaust** fumes still pollute the air
- **all of us** are **guilty**: nearly everything comes in plastic, glass or **aluminum** packaging, thrown away; factories asked to **recycle**
- **the warning:** more carbon dioxide → the Earth warms → ice near the Poles melts → the **sea rises** → low land where people live goes under water
- **how much?** (IPCC, 2021, from the level of 1995–2014) by 2100: about **30–55 cm** if pollution is cut fast, about **60 cm–1 m** if not; several meters over the centuries after

## Reading II: a weather forecast in pictures

| Day | Sun 20 | Mon 21 | Tue 22 | Wed 23 | Thu 24 | Fri 25 | Sat 26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | sunny | cloudy | rainy | snowy | windy | hot | cold |

- weather **adjectives** = noun + **-y**: *sun* → *sunny* (double n), *cloudy, rainy, snowy, windy*
- **weather** = the air and sky at one time (*hot, rainy, windy, cold*)
- **season** = a part of the year that comes back (*spring, summer, fall/autumn, winter*); *the rainy season* = the monsoon
- Nepal's calendar: **six** seasons (ऋतु)

## Key words

**effect**: a change something causes.
**contaminated**: made dirty or poisonous.
**eyesore**: something ugly to look at.
**threat**: a danger.
**toxic**: poisonous.
**fumes**: harmful smoke or gas.
**atmosphere**: the air around the Earth.
**exhaust**: waste gas from an engine.
**guilty**: having done wrong.
**recycle**: treat used things so they can be used again.
**disastrous**: causing very great damage.
**forecast**: what the weather will be.

## Speaking: how sure?

| How sure | Say |
|---|---|
| very sure | *It will **definitely** rain. It **is going to** rain.* (I see the signs) |
| quite sure | *It will **probably** rain. **I think** it will rain.* |
| not sure | *It **may** rain. It **might** rain. **Perhaps** it will.* |
| quite sure it won't | *It **probably won't** rain. **I don't think** it will.* |
| very sure it won't | *It **definitely won't** rain.* |

- **definitely, probably**: after *will*, before *won't*

## Grammar: the future three ways

| Form | Use | Example |
|---|---|---|
| **will** + plain verb | guess or opinion (*I think, I'm sure*) | *I'm sure you'll pass.* |
| | a fact about the future | *Grandma will be seventy next month.* |
| | decided, offered or promised **as you speak** | *I'll carry your bag.* |
| **am/is/are going to** + plain verb | a plan made **before** speaking | *I'm going to clean my room.* |
| | a sign you can **see now** | *Look! The bus is going to leave!* |
| **present continuous** (am/is/are + -ing) | an **arrangement** fixed with others, with a time or place | *I'm visiting my aunt on Saturday.* |

## Writing

- **our school next year: will** for what you think will happen; **going to** for plans already known
- **five things after the final exam:** a list, *I'm going to… / I will…*
- **project:** a pollution **scrapbook** (air, water, land, noise); under each picture a sentence and a prediction: *If people keep throwing plastic in the river, the fish will die.*

## Extra bit: four kinds of sentences

| Kind | Job | Ends | Example |
|---|---|---|---|
| **declarative** | tells | . | *He is our leader.* |
| **interrogative** | asks | ? | *Do you like apples?* |
| **imperative** | orders, instructs, requests | . or ! | *Please sit down.* |
| **exclamatory** | strong feeling | ! | *What a beautiful garden it is!* |

- exclamations: **What a** + noun (*What a beautiful garden it is!*); **How** + adjective (*How beautiful the garden is!*)

## Listening: the weather report

- the last 12 hours: **maximum** and **minimum** temperatures (°C), rainfall (**mm**)

| City | Max | Min | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Biratnagar | 32 | 19 | none |
| Janakpur | 34 | 23 | none |
| Kathmandu | 26 | 13 | 25 mm |
| Pokhara | 27 | 12 | 20 mm |
| Butwal | 33 | 21 | none |
| Birendranagar | 25 | 13 | 10 mm |

- Janakpur (low, Tarai) hotter than Kathmandu (about 1,400 m): the higher, the cooler

### COMMON MISTAKES

✗ It is sun today.
✓ It is **sunny** today.

✗ It won't probably rain.
✓ It **probably won't** rain.

✗ I forgot my pencil. — I'm going to give you one.
✓ **I'll** give you one.

✗ Look at that branch! It will break!
✓ **It's going to** break!

✗ What a beautiful garden is it!
✓ What a beautiful garden **it is**!

✗ Winter is a kind of weather.
✓ Winter is a **season**.