

World Cup predictions speaking

Make a prediction about the current and/ or future football World Cups using language like that in the table below, see if your partner agrees, discuss for longer if you like, then take turns doing the same with different predictions from the table.

Useful language for discussing predictions

- "I think that is exactly right"/ "That's exactly what I would predict"
- "I think it is more likely than that (because...) I would say that... (because...)"
- "I think it is less likely than that (because...) I would say that... (because...)"
- "I have the opposite opinion (because...) I would say that... (because...)"

When your teacher stops you, share one prediction which you agreed on and see what the class thinks. Then ask about anything in the table you are not sure how to use, working together as a class to make related predictions about the World Cup each time.

First of all with no help, try to write predictions language in the gaps below in order of how likely the event is, with language with the same meaning next to each other.

will definitely

definitely won't

-----fold, cover or cut-----

Use this to help with the task above, then check on the original worksheet below.

- almost certainly won't
- could
- could possibly
- is likely to
- is unlikely to
- may
- may well
- might
- might well
- probably won't
- will almost certainly
- will probably

Players	will/ will definitely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● attend/ participate in... ● be (one of) the best... 	in this World Cup
Managers/ Coaches	will almost certainly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● be a(n unused) substitute – be a starter ● be awarded a penalty ● be boring/ dull – be fun/ entertaining/ exciting 	in the next World Cup
Fans/ Spectators/ Supporters (of...)	will probably/ is likely to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● be competitive – be uncompetitive ● be injured/ be out injured ● be named (vice) captain ● be one of the top third-placed teams ● be overused – be underused 	in the next World Cup
The head/ president of...	may well/ might well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● be popular/ common – be unpopular ● be satisfied with... – be unsatisfied with... ● be substituted – come off the bench and... ● beat/ defeat... – lose to/ be defeated by... ● become (in)famous (for...) ● change... – keep to the same... ● come first/ second/ ... in their group 	in the next match
(Assistant) referees/ VAR	may/ might/ could	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● complain about/ criticise... – be criticised (for...) ● concede lots of goals – concede few goals ● draw with... ● dribble (past...) (and...) ● fight with... 	in the... round
Defenders/ Strikers/ ...s	could possibly/ probably won't/ is unlikely to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● find it difficult to/ have problems with... ● foul... – be fouled (by...) (while...) ● get a (yellow/ red) card/ be sent off (for...) ● go crazy when/ go crazy if... ● impress... (with/ by...)/ be spotted by... ● keep a clean sheet ● let in... – save/ keep out... ● lose... – win... ● meet/ play against... (in the... round/ in...) ● miss... ● play every minute of... ● play well – play badly ● reach the (quarter/ semi) final(s) ● reach the knockout stages/ the round of 32 ● score a free kick/ a penalty ● score an early goal – score a last-minute goal ● score few goals – score lots of goals ● score from a throw in/ from... ● score with a header/ with a bicycle kick/ with... ● take (all/ many/ most) corners/ throw-ins/... ● take risks – play it safe/ play defensively ● win on penalties – win in free play ● win the 3rd-place playoff – lose the 3rd-place... ● win the Golden.../ the... Award/ the... Trophy 	in the... round
The... formation/ tactic	could possibly/ probably won't/ is unlikely to		very soon
Group...	almost certainly won't		soon
(name of player)	won't/ definitely won't		soonish
(name of team)			in the near future
(name of manager)			in the medium term
(name of a region/ continent/ qualifying group)			in the distant future
(name of stadium/ host city)			one day/ someday/ sooner or later