

- 1** Commentators on TV and people being interviewed often say funny things unintentionally. Read these remarks from British TV and radio and discuss with another student what is comical about them.

- 1 'This runner is 87 years old – he'll **remember** this day for a long time.' (*Athletics commentator*)
- 2 'They'll perhaps **finish** in the top three. I can't see them going any higher.' (*Football manager*)
- 3 'The match **will be shown** on Match of the Day this evening. If you do not want to know the result, look away as we show you Tony Adams lifting the cup for Arsenal.' (*Sports presenter*)
- 4 'With the retirement of umpire Dickie Bird something sad **will have gone** out of English cricket.' (*Ex-Prime Minister talking about favourite sport*)



- 5 'I don't make predictions; I never have and I never **will**.' (*Tony Blair*)
- 6 Interviewer: This afternoon you **are judging** the *Face of the Year* competition. What **will** you **be looking** for?
Model: Well, you've got to be 5ft 8in.
- 7 'We're **going to beg, steal and borrow** to get computers.' (*Chief of Nottingham Police*)
- 8 'He's not **going to produce** a victory, but if he produces second that'll **be** the next best thing.' (*Motor racing commentator*)

- 2** Look at the future forms in **bold** in **1** and complete the sentences below. Choose from the following:

will going to

present continuous (*am meeting / is seeing*)

future continuous (*will be watching*)

future perfect (*will have finished*)

..... is used to make general predictions about the future.

..... is used to make general statements about the course of future events.

..... is used to talk about the completion of an event at a specific time in the future.

..... is used to make predictions based on present evidence (what you can observe).

..... is used to express an intention to do something.

..... is used to talk about an action that will be in progress at a point in the future.

..... is used to talk about arrangements / personal schedules.

- 3** Discuss with another student the use of future forms with the **conjunctions** highlighted in the sentences below. Do you need one or two future forms in the sentence? Complete each gap with one or two words.

- 1 Are you going to get a newspaper **or** I?
- 2 I'll leave home **as soon as** the programme
- 3 We'll know in about five minutes **when** they the result on the Internet.
- 4 You won't get a good picture on the TV **unless** you an aerial.
- 5 We'll know who wins **if** we the news.
- 6 The story will either appear in the tabloids **or** there something on the news.
- 7 I'll miss you **but** I you e-mails every day.
- 8 The programme will be over **by the time** we home.
- 9 I'm meeting Paul later **and** we to one of those TV shows with a live audience.
- 10 I'll listen to the radio in the car **in case** they my request.

- 4** Tell another student about:
- your plans for later today
 - your next holiday
 - your future in ten years' time