

WILL, WOULD Przypuszczenie

1. Rewrite the sentences, using *will* or *would* with the appropriate infinitive form, and omitting any words in brackets.

1. This is (probably) what we`re looking for.
2. Ah! It`s half-past eight. That is the postman at the door (I should think)
3. You appreciate (I am sure) that this puts me in a very difficult position.
4. As you have no doubt heard, he`s getting married soon.
5. You (probably) haven`t seen this morning`s headlines, I suppose?
6. I met Mr Jones at the interview. He was the manager`s personal assistant, I assume.
7. You (almost certainly) don`t know my name, of course, but I was a friend of your father`s.
8. You haven`t (by any chance) seen my gloves anywhere, I suppose?
9. Don`t call on them just now. The family (almost certainly) haven`t finished their evening meal yet.
10. Unless you explained it very carefully, he (almost certainly) didn`t understand properly.

Czynności powtarzające się i charakterystyczne

2. Replace the words in italics by *will* or *would* + *present infinitive*. If the statements appear to indicate the speaker`s annoyance, underline the modal verb to indicate that it is stressed.

1. My children love watching television. They *sit* for hours without saying a word.
2. He`s very absent-minded. He often *buys* things and then *leaves* the shop without paying.
3. My wife *persistently leaves* things where other people can fall over them!
4. When we lived in the north, the water pipes *used to freeze* every winter, and we had to call in a plumber.
5. The chairman`s main fault was that he *persistently interrupted* the speakers before they had finished.
6. I tried to refuse his invitation, but he *repeatedly insisted* on my coming.
7. Why *do you persist in being* so difficult?
8. My headmaster had great authority. Whenever he spoke, everyone *used to listen* attentively.
9. No wonder the house is cold! You *always go out* and leave the doors open!
10. In the nineteenth century, people *used to go* to church on Sunday as a matter of course.

Naturalna zdolność (pojemność, przepustowość, ładowność, udźwig, itp.)

3. Complete each short dialogue, using *will* together with one of the verbs in the list. The negative form will be needed in some cases.

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1. Is your car very fast? Oh, yes! It...over 180 km an hour.
2. Is that jug big enough? Oh, yes! It...at least a gallon.
3. What`s wrong with that machine? I don`t know. It simply...
4. Why haven`t you opened the door? This key...the lock.
5. How big is the new conference centre? Oh! It...up to 5,000 people.
6. Is that ladder long enough? Oh, yes. It...up to the roof.
7. Shall we say 7.30? Yes, that time...me perfectly.
8. Is it safe to walk on the ice? Oh, yes! It...your weight easily.

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4. Explain what meaning lies behind the use of *will* ('ll) in the following sentences.

1. It's no good phoning him at his office. He`ll be on his way home now.
2. Why *will* you ask such stupid questions?
3. *Will* you clear away the dinner things?
4. If you`ll clear away the dinner things, I`ll make the coffee.
5. The luggage boot *will* never take all those cases!
6. You`ll do as you`re told.
7. The meeting *will* begin at 6.30 .
8. He can be quite obstinate, but he`ll generally see sense in the end.
9. They *will* celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary next year.
10. Don`'t worry! I`ll let you know by tomorrow, without fail.
11. Ah! Here we are! This *will* be the restaurant they recommended to us.
12. This table`s too small for a dinner party. It`ll only sit four in comfort.

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