



FORTUNE-TELLING FUN: What Does Your Future Hold?
(PRACTICING “WILL” and “(be) GOING TO”)
 An English-Zone.Com Activity

| CARDS | ♠ SPADES ♠ | ♥ HEARTS ♥ | ♣ CLUBS ♣ | ♦ DIAMONDS ♦ |
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| ACE | get a letter from an old friend | marry someone famous | work in a factory | win the lottery |
| KING | get a phone call from an old friend | marry someone very poor, but very kind | never get sick | win a lot of money in Las Vegas |
| QUEEN | have a child before you marry | never marry, but be happy | work in the circus | become very rich from your invention |
| JACK | have 12 children; 6 boys and six girls – all at the same time | marry, divorce, marry, divorce, marry, be happy | hear scary sounds tonight when you try to sleep | lose all your money in Las Vegas |
| TEN | get mail from a stranger | marry a rich person | have an unexpected visitor soon | never find a job |
| NINE | get a phone call from a stranger | marry a very short person | become very tall | have a pet elephant |
| EIGHT | learn perfect English | marry a very, very tall person | lose all of your hair in the next 5 years | have a pet snake |
| SEVEN | have a stormy relationship | marry a very ugly, but kind person | receive great power and wealth | have 10 pet cats |
| SIX | live in Paris, France | have a happy, but boring life | become a dog trainer | take a mysterious trip |
| FIVE | overcome a great difficulty in your life | have an exciting, but traumatic life | be on television | travel a great deal all over the world |
| FOUR | fly to the moon | become very beautiful | become famous | receive a mysterious gift |
| THREE | fly to Mars | become very, very ugly, but kind | write a book | find the lost city of Atlantis |
| TWO | live to be 125 years old | invent a new kind of super-computer | see a ghost | see a UFO |

Sentences to use:

Please close your eyes, clear your mind, and choose three cards. Now lay them on the table.

The (1st / 2nd / 3rd) card shows that you will _____.

The (1st / 2nd / 3rd) card shows that you are going to _____.

In the future, you are going to _____.

I see that you will _____ at some time in your future.

The cards say you will _____.

The cards show you are going to _____.

The card reveals you will _____.



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OBJECTIVE: To practice using will and going to.

LEVEL: intermediate +

TIME: 15 - 20 minutes

MATERIALS: -One deck of playing cards (jokers removed) per group of students.
-One handout per group leader.

PROCEDURE:

- Choose your group leaders ahead of time – these will be your fortune-tellers.
- Take the group leaders aside and explain how to read the handout. For example, if a “client” draws the 3 of spades, the fortune-teller must say, “The first card shows that someday you will fly to Mars.” If the client draws the 10 of clubs, the fortune teller will say, “In the future, you are never going to find a job.”

- To begin: Divide students into small groups of 3-4.
- Fortune-teller tells one student, “Please close your eyes, clear your mind, and choose three cards. Now lay them on the table.”
- Student follows instructions.
- Fortune-teller “reads” the cards to tell the “clients” what they will/are going to do/be in the future.
- The handout with the fortunes is for the fortune-teller’s use only – it’s supposed to be kept “mysterious!”
- Fortune-teller reads one student’s fortune at a time, then shuffles the deck and moves to the next client.

- There are sentences given for the fortune-teller to use when reading the future.
(The (1st / 2nd / 3rd) card shows that you will _____, etc.)

- When all students have had their futures read, have each student in the group take turns reading the fortune-teller’s future.

- This exercise is meant for entertainment purposes only! None of the fortunes are true!