



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

CARDS	♠ SPADES ♠	♥ HEARTS ♥	♣ CLUBS ♣	♦ DIAMONDS ♦
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!