

Talking about travel - Future forms review

Warmer: travel things in common

In pairs, find things in common and differences between your last trips, your travel plans, and other things related to transport and travel.

Similarities	Differences
Like you... Me too./ So... I. Me neither./ Neither... I. We share... We have... in common. ... is (very/ fairly) similar. ... is (totally/ almost) the same. ... is (absolutely) identical.	Unlike you... Really? I... In my case... As for me... One difference between you and me is... ... is (completely/ extremely/ very/ fairly/ slightly) different. Actually, I...

Report one similarity which you think other people in the class might also share, then report one difference and see which side is more common in the class.

Use the ideas below to continue your discussion.

Possible types of travel to talk about

Abroad/ Overseas/ International travel
(Budget/ No frills/ National carrier) airlines
(Self-catering/ Timeshare) apartments/ flats
Around the world ticket
Backpacking
Budget airline
(Log) cabins/ (Beach) huts
Caravan(ing)
City break
Cycling
Eco-tourism (safaris, birdwatching, etc)
(Car) ferries
Guided tour
Hitchhiking
Homestay/ Host family
Honeymoon
Hunting
Package holiday
Pub crawl
Rentacar/ Hire car
Sailing/ Yachting
Skiing (lodge/ holiday)/ Ski resort/ The slopes
Study abroad
(Guided/ Package/ Study/ Factory/ Sightseeing/ Bus/ Coach) tours
(Bullet/ Local/ Steam) trains
Transfers/ Stopovers
Water sports
Winter sports
Working holiday
Youth hostelling

Adventure sports

Airbnb

B&B

Beach holiday

Business class/ First class

Camper van/ Mobile home

Camping/ Tent/ Glamping

(Mediterranean) cruise

Domestic travel

Family holiday

Get away from it all

Hiking/ Trekking

Holiday home/ Second home

Hometown/ Ancestral home

Hot springs resort/ Spa

(Annual/ Paid/ Unpaid) leave

Pilgrimage (sites)

Public holiday/ Bank holiday

Sabbatical

Sightseeing (spots)

Sleeper car/ Couchette

(Business/ Day) trips

Travel alone

(Long/ Three-day) weekends (away)

Winter sun

Year out/ Gap year

Areas/ Regions to talk about

(Central/ North/ Sub-Saharan/ Southern/ West/ East) Africa

(Central/ North/ South/ Latin) America

(Central/ East/ Southeast/ South) Asia

(Central/ Western/ Northwest/ Eastern/ Southern) Europe

Polynesia

The Balkans

The Med/ Mediterranean

The Caribbean

The Indian Subcontinent

The Middle East

The East Coast

Scandinavia

The Aegean

The British Isles

The Gulf

The Low Countries

The Midwest

Countries to talk about

Antarctica/ The South Pole
Australia
Belgium
(Great) Britain
Croatia
(The) Czech Republic
Egypt
Ethiopia
Georgia
Greece
Iceland
Italy
Kazakhstan
Mongolia
Northern Ireland
Russia
South Korea
Switzerland
The Arctic/ The North Pole
The Maldives
The Seychelles
Turkey
Vietnam
Zimbabwe

Argentina
Austria
Brazil
Burma/ Myanmar
Cyprus
Denmark
England
France
Germany
Holland/ The Netherlands
(The Republic of) Ireland
Jordan
Malta
North Korea
Portugal
South Africa
Sweden
Thailand
The Bahamas
The Philippines
The UK
Ukraine
Wales

Cities to talk about

Athens	Beijing	Belgrade
Bruges	Brussels	Cologne
Florence	Geneva	Guangzhou
Kiev	LA	London
Milan	Moscow	Munich
Naples	Paris	Prague
Rome	Seville	The Hague
Turin	Venice	Vienna
Warsaw		

When your teacher stops you, ask about places or kinds of holiday above you don't know, you are not sure how to pronounce, etc.

Use the future forms below to speak about just the future. Your teacher will tell you if you should talk to the same person or to a different person.

Future travel things in common

Useful verb forms for talking about your future travels

- I could (possibly)...
- I dream of...
- I expect...
- I hope...
- I imagine...
- I may/ might...
- I predict/ imagine...
- I (don't) (really) want to...
- I will (definitely/ almost certainly/ probably)...
- I (definitely/ almost certainly/ probably) won't/ will never...
- I'd (really) love to...
- I'd (really/ quite) like to...
- I'm (not) going to...
- I'm (not) planning to...
- I'm (not)... ing...
- I'm driving to...
- I'm flying to...
- I'm visiting...
- I'm...ing
- I've arranged to/ booked/ bought/ paid for...
- My dream is to...

Possible future times to talk about

- After...
- At...
- Before/ By...
- Ins
- In a...
- In the distant future
- In the near future
- In...
- Next...
- On...
- One day/ Some day
- The day after tomorrow.
- The... after next.
- This...
- Within...

When your teacher stops you, ask about anything above you aren't sure how to use, working together to use it to talk about travel each time.

Grammar presentation

Match the future forms above to the functions below. There is more than one of each.

Predictions (= future facts/ my imagination about the real future)

Plans (= things I have decided to do)

Arrangements (= things already fixed with someone else, e.g. by buying a ticket)

Desires (e.g. dreams)

Which of these future phrases are predictions? What function do the others have?

- I'm sorry, I'm not sure. I'll check with my manager.
- It's monsoon season, so it'll probably rain today or tomorrow.
- I won't have enough money to do that.
- Just a moment. I'll get it from my bag.

How is that other function of "will" different to plans? Which one is decided before speaking (plans, or this function with "will")?

Part Two: Plans, predictions and spontaneous decisions

Tell your teacher about a real or imaginary travel plan or arrangement. They will make up a problem that you could have while doing that thing. Quickly decide how you could respond to that problem. Then do the same in groups.

Model dialogue

A: "I'm flying to Beijing tomorrow"

B: "If you go to Beijing now, the pollution will be terrible"

A: "Yes, you are right. In that case, I'll take a pack of face masks"