

## STEP 1

- In Step 1 you study so that you can
- the future with *will/won't*
  - talk about events in the future.

### 1 Reading *The luck factor*

- a Read the text. What's Dr Wiseman's message? You've got two minutes!
- a Be optimistic!    b Everyone is lucky.  
c You can't change your life.

NO ONE KNOWS what will happen in the future, and life isn't always easy. But the psychologist Dr Richard Wiseman believes that we can all learn to be happier – if we have a positive attitude. Dr Wiseman and his team interviewed a thousand 'lucky' and 'unlucky' people. He found that unlucky people often have a pessimistic attitude towards



life. Lucky people usually have an optimistic attitude. They look at the good things in their lives. When things go wrong, they try to learn from their mistakes. Dr Wiseman calls this attitude 'the luck factor'. He says it is the key to a happy life – and everyone can learn how to use it!

Four simple principles that will change your luck – and your life

## THE LUCK FACTOR

- b Make two lists with these words.

pessimistic    lucky    sad    difficult    bad    right

Positive                  Negative  
lucky                      pessimistic

Read the text again and find the opposites of the words in your lists.

optimistic                  pessimistic

- c If you have time, talk about your attitude. Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Share your ideas with your friends.

### 2 Presentation *You'll love it!*

- a Look at the messages for Mel's article. Who are they from? Who are they for?

*Mel is writing the September edition of the Westover School Magazine. She's choosing messages for her article.*



Westover School Magazine  
September  
A WARM WELCOME  
TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS  
Good luck! You'll love it,  
and the time will fly.  
Rachel Field Class 8W

- b Listen to the messages and follow in your book. Who is optimistic and who is pessimistic?
- c Imagine you're talking to a new student. Which messages are true for your school? Say the sentences.

### 3 Key grammar *will/won't*

- a Which words show that the sentences are about the future?
- b Complete the explanation.

I		
You	'll	have a great time.
He/She		
We	won't	like the food.
They		

The short form of will is .....

The short form of will not is .....

We use will/won't when we talk about the .....

1 *Welcome to Westover! You'll have a great time.*  
Claire Robbins Class 8B

2 *The older students will help you, so don't worry!*  
Daniel Stoppard Class 8W

3 *You won't like the food in the canteen, and the toilets are awful.*  
Megan Johns Class 8Y

4 *Everything will be fine. You'll make lots of new friends.*  
Zak Green Class 8Y

5 *You won't be good at everything, but it won't be a problem. Just do your best.*  
Tim Reeves Class 8B

6 *The school is very big. You'll probably get lost.*  
Kim Taylor Class 8W

7 *Good luck! You'll love it and the time will fly.*  
Rachel Field Class 8W

## Practice

a Complete the sentences with 'll or won't.

- 1 The teachers are nice. You *'ll* like them.
- 2 Everyone's very friendly. We *will* have a great time.
- 3 Don't worry! The work *will* be too difficult.
- 4 You *will* be in the same class as Paul. He *will* be in Class 7Y and you *will* be in Class 7H.
- 5 Are you nervous? I *will* meet you at the school gate.
- 6 I *will* be there at 8.30. I *will* forget.

b Imagine your favourite star in 50 years' time. What will he/she be like? Make at least three sentences and share your ideas.

*He'll be 75 years old. He won't be ...  
He'll have ... He'll probably ...*

## Speaking

Match the sentences with the pictures. Then work with a friend and practise the four conversations.

- 1 No, it won't. It's really friendly.
- 2 Don't worry! You'll be fine.
- 3 Of course you will! It'll be easy.
- 4 You never know! Ask her!



## Writing My predictions

### Use what you know

Write at least three things for a friend who is starting at your school next term. Be positive!

*You'll probably be nervous at first, but don't worry.*