

Pattern 3

Noun /pronoun + be + adjective + to-Infinitive

The verb 'be' + *certain /sure/likely /unlikely* (несомненно, определенно, вероятно, маловероятно) is followed mostly by an Indefinite Infinitive and refers the activity to the future.

e.g. *He is sure/certain to come late.* - Он, несомненно, придет поздно.
This is (un)likely to happen. (Мало)вероятно, что это произойдет.

Exercise #4

Translate the sentences according to Pattern 3.

1. We have not become one world, but we *are likely to be* on the way to acquiring one language.
2. The U.S. *is certain to be* the greatest contributor to the UN budget.
3. Idioms *are certain to be* difficult to learn.
4. These reforms *are sure to have* far-reaching consequences.
5. The truth *is likely to come out* sooner or later.

Exercise 85

Rephrase the sentences following the model

Model:

*It Is *was (un) likely /certain /sure that we will / would never see each other again*

We Ote / were (un) likely /certain /sure to never see each other again.

1. He is certain that English will be gaining more and more ground.
2. It was likely that Britain would never feel secure again.
3. I doubt that he will be looking for reasons.
4. It is more likely that the nuclear arms race will result in war than deter an attack.
5. It is sure that you will find idiomatic English difficult to learn.
6. It is unlikely that any other language except English can become a global language.
7. Judging by the course of the talks they will be successful.

8. We are sure that everything will turn out all right.
9. He has surely noticed the mistake.
10. I am certain the treatment will help you.
11. I don't think the answer will please him.
12. It was clear that the news would be much commented on.

Exercise 86

Put the verbs in the brackets in the appropriate Infinitive form.

1. The first visitors are sure (influence) by stereotypes.
2. Britons are unlikely (consider) retirement abroad.
3. Ask no questions and you are certain (tell) no lies.
4. For many years the Picts and the Scots were sure (come down) from the north on to their less hardy neighbours.
5. For his successes in war Alfred is certain (deserve) the title of "Great".
6. The invasion is certain (take) place in the sixth century.
7. Charles knew that his army was unlikely (win) against the Scots.
8. People acting separately are likely (fail), for strength lies in unity.

Exercise 87

Translate the sentences using the Complex Subject structure.

1. Такие вещи вряд ли происходят случайно.
2. Весьма вероятно, что он вспомнит твои слова.
3. Маловероятно, что они смогут приехать на переговоры.
4. Это предложение, наверняка его заинтересует.
5. Вероятно, статья будет напечатана в следующем номере.
6. Несомненно, вам будет легко общаться.
7. Похоже на то, что мы не найдем общий язык.
8. Вы обязательно найдете новые слова в этом тексте.
9. Он наверняка смотрит сейчас телевизор.
10. Вряд ли такой перевод приемлем.
11. Уверен, вы знаете, что я имею в виду.
12. Английский язык, несомненно, будет распространяться.