



Quiz topic: Future hopes and plans

1. This year, I _____ travel around Europe and see Paris, Madrid, Berlin...everywhere!
a) hope to
b) want to
c) would like to
d) all the above answers
2. After I finish my exams, _____ a long holiday; just lie on a tropical beach and relax!
a) I go to have
b) I'm going having
c) I'm going have
d) I'm going to have
3. This year I _____ to get a promotion; I'm sick of being the least important person in the office.
a) like
b) 'd like
c) 'm liking
d) all of the above answers
4. John has set his _____ on becoming a doctor; he's going to study medicine next year.
a) heart
b) head
c) mind
d) plans
5. When I leave university, _____ go and work for my father's company - I'm not sure yet.
a) perhaps I'll
b) I may
c) I might
d) all of the above answers
6. By the time _____ 25, I want to be very rich!
a) I will be
b) I am
c) I would be
d) I might be

ANSWERS

1. This year, I _____ travel around Europe and see Paris, Madrid, Berlin...everywhere!

- a) hope to
- b) want to
- c) would like to

d) all the above answers

a) You can say 'I hope to do something' when you talk about an ambition for the future - but can you talk about future plans using any of the other language?

b) You can say 'I want to do something' when you talk about an ambition for the future - but can you talk about future plans using any of the other language?

c) You can say 'I would like to do something' when you talk about an ambition for the future - but can you talk about future plans using any of the other language?

d) In fact, all of the answers are ways of talking about ambitions for the future.

2. After I finish my exams, _____ a long holiday; just lie on a tropical beach and relax!

- a) I go to have
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- c) I'm going have

d) I'm going to have

a) When we talk about future plans, we often use the structure 'going to + infinitive', e.g. "We're going to have a baby!"

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3. This year I _____ to get a promotion; I'm sick of being the least important person in the office.

- a) like
- b) 'd like**
- c) 'm liking
- d) all of the above answers

a) We use 'like' to say, for example, 'I like ice-cream' or 'I like dancing'

b) We use 'would like', for example, to say 'I'd like to get a new job' - something that you'd like to happen in the future.

c) We don't use the verb 'like' in continuous verb constructions- it belongs to a bigger group of verbs which are almost always used in simple verb constructions.

d) Only one of the answers is correct - which one suggests a specific hope in the future?

4. John has set his _____ on becoming a doctor; he's going to study medicine next year.

a) heart

b) head

c) mind

d) plans

a) If you really want to do something in the future, you can use the expression 'to set your heart on (doing) something'.

b) If you really want to do something in the future, you can use the expression 'to set your heart on (doing) something'.

c) If you really want to do something in the future, you can use the expression 'to set your heart on (doing) something'.

d) If you really want to do something in the future, you can use the expression 'to set your heart on (doing) something'.

5. When I leave university, _____ go and work for my father's company - I'm not sure yet.

a) perhaps I'll

b) I may

c) I might

d) all of the above answers

a) If you are not sure about a plan, the most natural sounding way of expressing this is 'I might', although all the answers are possible here.

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c) If you are not sure about a plan, the most natural sounding way of expressing this is 'I might', although all the answers are possible here.

d) If you are not sure about a plan, you can use all of the answers here, although using 'might' is much more common and sounds most natural.

6. By the time _____ 25, I want to be very rich!

a) I will be

b) I am

c) I would be

d) I might be

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