

Time Will Tell

Idiom of the month

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1. Write down five more things that we don't know about people's future when they are babies.

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| 1. Future job | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

2a. Read

Do you think Mickey Junior will be a great athlete?

He's only 6 months old!

I know, but he's very active.

Time will tell.

2b. Complete

We don't know what kind of person James will be

When we have to wait for the future to understand a person's actions or the results of something, we say 'Time will tell'.

3. Read these idioms. Match each idiomatic phrase (a – f) to the correct definition (1 – 6).

a. We don't know *what's in store* for us at the new summer camp.

b. I'm so happy about my scholarship– *the future looks bright*.

c. Exciting things are *just around the corner*.

d. We don't know how good this new learning technology is – *time will tell*.

e. Our exam results will arrive *any day now*.

1... the future is positive...

2... we will understand in the future...

3... what is waiting...

4... very very soon...

5... going to happen very soon...

4. Complete these sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.

a. I try to stay positive when bad things happen, because good things are usually.....

b. We can't decide if our new neighbour is nice or not.....

c. This is my first day at this school, I have no idea for me.

d. My mum is expecting my new baby sister
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e. Rachel started a university degree last week. Her
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5. Is there anything in your future that you are not sure about? Something that only time will tell? Write down six things.

6. Present your list to a partner.

Teacher's Notes

1. Sample answer:

2. 1. Future job
2. Future talents
3. Future health
4. Future wealth
5. Future success
6. Future home country

2b. Complete

We don't know what kind of person James will be time will tell.

3. Match each idiomatic phrase to the correct definition.
a3 – b1 – c5 – d2 – e4

4. Complete the sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.
- a. I try to stay positive when bad things happen, because good things are usually *just around the corner*.
 - b. We can't decide if our new neighbor is nice or not – *time will tell*.
 - c. This is my first day at this school, I have no idea *what's in store* for me.
 - d. My mum is expecting my new baby sister *any day now*.
 - e. Rachel started a university degree last week. Her *future looks bright*.