



**BATTLE FOR BRITAIN  
COURSE 1  
VRGN-BWLF/10-66  
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## Mission 3.4. FUTURE

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# 1

**Choose the more natural form.**

1. I can't make it tonight. I've got to / I'll work late if I'm going to meet this deadline.
  2. I can't wait to go to Greece. It must / should be great!
  3. Just think. This time next week, I'll lounge / be lounging by the pool in the sunshine!
  4. I see / will be seeing Jay while I'm in Istanbul, so I will let / be letting her know you've moved.
  5. We're going / supposed to be going to Germany in the summer, but to be honest, I'm not sure if we'll be able to afford it.
  6. Look, I can't really talk now. We're just about to / bound to go out in a second. I'll / I'm going to call you back later on, OK.
  7. If they're serious, then they're going to have to / having to make a much better offer than that!
  8. There's no point denying it. She's bound to find out / on the verge of finding out about it sooner or later.
  9. The whole country is on the verge of becoming / due to become an environmental disaster zone!
  10. I've got a few friends about to come down / coming down from Scotland next week.
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## 2

**Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the most likely form.**

1. A: My plane \_\_\_\_ at nine tonight. (leave)  
B: Oh right. Who \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_ with? (fly)  
A: Emirates.
  2. I feel dreadful. I think I \_\_\_\_\_. (be sick)
  3. A: What \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ later? Any plans? (do)  
B: I \_\_\_\_ some friends in town, but I'm wiped out so I might just phone and cancel. (meet)
  4. A: Made any New Year's resolutions?  
B: Yeah, I \_\_\_\_\_ and stop smoking ! (try)
  5. It's depressing to think that by the time I \_\_\_\_\_ paying off the loan, I \_\_\_\_\_ double what I borrowed. (finish, pay back)
  6. I \_\_\_\_\_ a soul about it, I promise. (tell)
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## 3

**Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.**

1. It seems probable that the takeover will not be approved. (quite unlikely)
  2. Record profits are expected to be announced by Apple today. (set)
  3. A takeover of the firm is now inevitable. (bound)
  4. The whole village is about to be swallowed up by the sea. (point)
  5. In many parts of the country, there are almost no tigers left. (verge)
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# 4

Expand the notes to complete the news extracts, using the phrases in brackets.

1. The decision of Cornico to relocate its international headquarters to Switzerland \_\_\_\_\_ questions about the government's new profits tax. (bound-raise)
  2. It seems that other major financial firms are also \_\_\_\_\_ their headquarters out of London. (point-move)
  3. NASA's latest Mars probe is \_\_\_\_\_ to Earth later today. (due-return)
  4. A spokesperson for NASA said that the probe would be bringing back rock samples that are \_\_\_\_\_ exciting new information about the planet. (sure-provide)
  5. The Countryside Conservation Society is \_\_\_\_\_ a new million-euro scheme for the protection of endangered plant species. (set-launch)
  6. It is estimated that over 200 species are \_\_\_\_\_ extinct in the country. (verge-become)
  7. Sources at the United Nations have said that the governments of North and South Alicia are \_\_\_\_\_ an agreement to end their long-running border dispute. (point-sign)
  8. However, any agreement is \_\_\_\_\_ resistance from rebel forces in South Alicia, who have said they will fight on. (sure-face)
  9. Tennis star Sancho Gomez is \_\_\_\_\_ a second operation on his injured shoulder. (due-undergo)
  10. He was \_\_\_\_\_ tennis after a first operation was unsuccessful. (verge-quit)
  11. Agriculture ministers are \_\_\_\_\_ an important announcement on increasing support to farmers when they meet in Brussels on Monday. (set-make)
  12. 'Many farmers are \_\_\_\_\_ out of business,' said the Italian representative, 'and the matter must be decided very soon. (brink-go)
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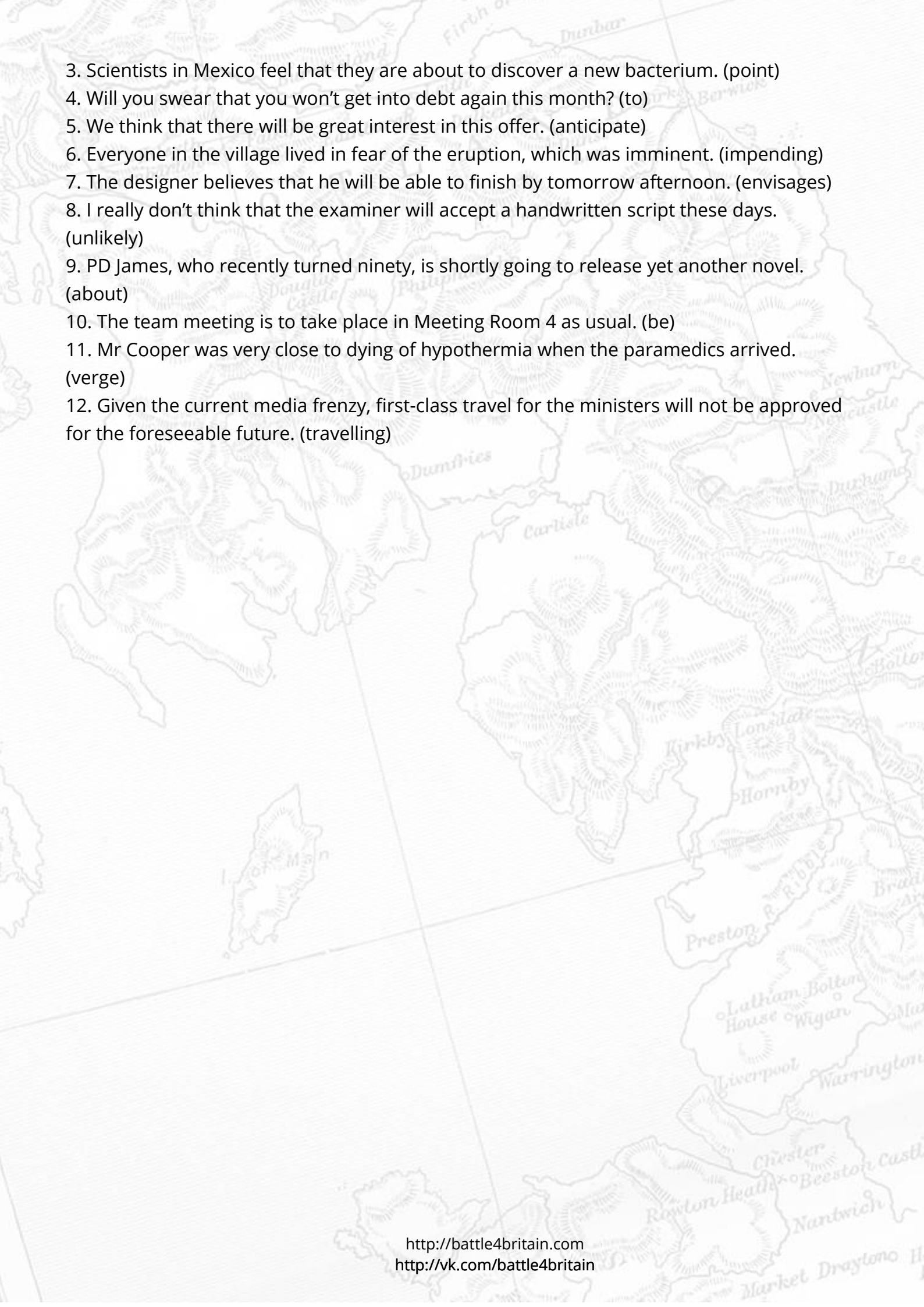
# 5

Write the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets, as in the example.

The result of our appeal against the parking fine will probably arrive in the post tomorrow.  
(likely)

The result of our appeal against the parking fine **is likely to arrive** in the post tomorrow.

1. We expect the peace talks to take place in Helsinki on 28-29th July. (due)
2. That music is so loud that it'll definitely wake all the neighbours. (bound)

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3. Scientists in Mexico feel that they are about to discover a new bacterium. (point)
  4. Will you swear that you won't get into debt again this month? (to)
  5. We think that there will be great interest in this offer. (anticipate)
  6. Everyone in the village lived in fear of the eruption, which was imminent. (impending)
  7. The designer believes that he will be able to finish by tomorrow afternoon. (envisages)
  8. I really don't think that the examiner will accept a handwritten script these days.  
(unlikely)
  9. PD James, who recently turned ninety, is shortly going to release yet another novel.  
(about)
  10. The team meeting is to take place in Meeting Room 4 as usual. (be)
  11. Mr Cooper was very close to dying of hypothermia when the paramedics arrived.  
(verge)
  12. Given the current media frenzy, first-class travel for the ministers will not be approved  
for the foreseeable future. (travelling)