**Dvd22.-** . Ways of expressing probability: likely and unlikely

Probability and improbability

UNLIKELY/LIKEY

*Subject + TO BE +* ***unlikely*** *+ infinitive form*

She’s unlikely to win -> Es poco probable que gane.

It’s highly unlikely to improve -> Es muy poco probable que mejore.

He’s unlikely to get it -> Es poco probable que lo consiga.

*Subject + TO BE +* ***likely*** *+ infinitive form*

He’s likely to get it -> Es probable que lo consiga

She’s likely to win -> Es probable que gane.

REAL PROBABILITY FORMS: BOUND/ SURE/ CERTAIN TO

BOUND

*Subject + TO BE +* ***bound*** *+ infinitive form*

They’re bound to accept it -> Ellos están obligados a aceptarlo.

SURE

*Subject + TO BE +* ***sure*** *+ infinitive form*

We’re sure to arrive on time -> Estamos seguros de llegar a tiempo.

CERTAIN TO

*Subject + TO BE +* ***certain******to*** *+ infinitive form*

It’s certain to work -> Seguro que funciona.

China is highly likely to become a major world power.

It’s highly unlikely that a woman will become Pope’ alright?

The world’s climate is bound/sure to continue to change.

You’re sure/bound to learn English if you follow this course.