**Dvd22.-** Useful phrases for socializing. 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.

Raving -> delirante

Mad -> enojado, loco

Never mind -> no importa

What a pity -> que pena

What a shame -> que lastima

Just as well -> igual de bien

Just as well as -> tan bien como

Well, fancy that -> bien, imagina que

Yo must be joking -> usted debe estar bromeando

Disbelief -> incredulidad

well actually -> bueno en realidad

well actually I’d rather -> bueno, en realidad, prefiero

well actually I'd rather you didn't -> bueno, en realidad, preferiria que no lo hicieras

bound to -> unido a