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## A

Choose the correct words 会 (huì), 可以 (kěyǐ)/能 (néng), 可能 (kěnéng), 肯定 (kěndìng)/一定 (yídìng) to finish the sentence according to the English translation.

- 1. 明天天气 \_\_\_\_ 晴吗? Míngtiān tiānqì \_\_ qíng ma? Will it be sunny tomorrow?
- **2.** 我们 \_\_\_\_ 坐在这儿吗? Wǒmen \_\_\_ zuò zài zhèr ma? May we sit here?
- 3. 他 \_\_\_\_ 渴死了。 Tā \_\_\_ kě sì le. He is definitely thirsty.
- 4. 我明年 \_\_\_\_ 会去美国旅行。 Wǒ míngnián \_\_\_ huì qù měiguó lǚxíng. Perhaps I will go traveling in America next year.
- 5. 已经晚上九点了,他 \_\_\_\_ 不会来吃晚饭了。 Yǐjīng wǎnshang jiǔ diǎn le, tā \_\_\_ búhuì lái chī wǎnfàn le. It's already 9 pm. He surely won't come for dinner.



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## **B** Translate the sentences into Mandarin using the words given.

1. I got up late this morning and for sure I will be late.

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今早	肯定	起晚了	我	会	迟到
jīnzǎo	kěndìng	qĭwăn le	wŏ	huì	chídào

**2.** May I ask for a leave?

能	请假	我	吗
néng	qĭngjiào	wŏ	ma

**3.** It's so cold today. Perhaps it will snow tomorrow.

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会	明天	下雪	真冷	今天	可能
huì	míngtiān	xiàxuě	zhēn lěng	jīntiān	kěnéng

**4.** This coat is too expensive. He definitely won't buy it.

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太贵了	他	不会	这件外衣	买	肯定
tài guì le	tā	bú huì	zhèjiàn wàiyī	măi	kěndìng

**5.** Perhaps mom has already had her dinner.

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吃过	妈妈	已经	也许	了	晚饭
chī guo	māma	yĭjīng	yěxů	le	wănfàn

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- 4. 我明年 可能 会去美国旅行。
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  Perhaps I will go traveling in America next year.
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- B 1. 我今早起晚了,肯定会迟到。

I got up late this morning and for sure I will be late.

今早	肯定	起晚了	我	会	迟到
jīnzǎo	<b>kěndìng</b>	q <b>ĭwăn le</b>	wŏ	huì	<b>chídào</b>
this morning	definitely	got up late	I	will	to be late
this morning	definitely	got up late	I	WIII	to be late

2. 我能请假吗?

May I ask for a leave?

能 <b>néng</b> can	请假 qĭngjiào ask for a leave	我 wŏ I	吗 ma
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B

3. 今天真冷。明天可能会下雪。

It's so cold today. Perhaps it will snow tomorrow.

会	明天	下雪	真冷	今天	可能
huì	míngtiān	xiàxuě	zhēn lěng	jīntiān	kěnéng
will	tomorrow	to snow	so cold	today	perhaps

4. 这件外衣太贵了。他肯定不会买。

This coat is too expensive. He definitely won't buy it.

太贵了	他	不会	这件外衣	买	肯定
tài guì le	tā	bú huì	zhèjiàn wàiyī	măi	kěndìng
too expensive	he	will not	this coat	to buy	definitely

5. 妈妈也许已经吃过晚饭了。

Perhaps mom has already had her dinner.

吃过 chī guo had	妈妈 māma mom	已经 <b>yĭjīng</b> already	也许 <b>yěxǔ</b> perhaps	了 le	晚饭 <b>wănfàn</b> dinner
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