"America Blows Up the Moon" Video Lesson – *going to* and *will*

A. Listen and fill in the blanks.

1. On July 4th of this year, America _____ blow up the moon.
2. America can, should, must and _____ blow up the moon.
3. We _____ have a party and watch the moon blow up.
4. I _____ bake a cake in the shape of the moon blowing up.
5. There _____ be any party now.
6. He _____ do the job, no questions asked.
7. Tonight we _____ blow up the moon.

B. When we refer to the future in English, the form of verb that we use depends on what we want to say.

1. Which three sentences from 1-7 above refer to <u>personal plans?</u> _____

What form do they use? _____

2. Which sentences from 1-7 above refer to <u>facts about the future?</u> _____

What form do they use? _____

3. Which sentences from 1-7 above refer to <u>promises?</u>

What form do they use? _____

*****Write four sentences—two about your plans for this weekend and two about future facts.** *(Example: "This Saturday I'm going to go shopping with my cousin." "In the year 2020, I will be 42 years old.")*

C. We can also use* going to *and* will *to make* <u>predictions</u>. *The form we use depends on the kind of prediction we make.

***For a prediction based on* <u>present evidence</u>, *we use* going to.**

"I think it's going to rain." "Our best player is injured, so we're going to lose."

***For a prediction based on* <u>knowledge</u> *or* <u>opinion</u>, *we use* will.**

"Jones will probably win the election." "The crisis will surely continue into 2009."

Underline the correct options *a* or *b*.

1. ***Bill***: What are your plans for the holiday?
   Mary: *a*. I will just stay home. *b*. I'm just going to stay home.
2. ***Ralph***: What did the weatherman say on the news? ***Betty***: *a*. It will rain. *b*. It's going to rain.
3. ***Bob***: Why is he dressed so nice? ***David***: *a*. He will have lunch with my best customer.
   b. He's going to have lunch with my best customer.
4. *a*. On January 20th of next year, the new president will take office.
   b. On January 20th of next year, the new president is going to take office.
5. Wow, look at her belly, she's really pregnant,
   a. her baby will be huge! *b*. her baby's going to be huge!
6. ***Tina****:* We're going to have a surprise party for Jennifer, but it's a secret.
   Mark*: a*. Don't worry, I won't tell anyone. *b*. Don't worry, I'm not going to tell anyone.