

# Phrases for Speculating

**I wonder if ...** Use this phrase to speculate and share ideas about the meaning of a message or a decision.

I wonder if we're getting a raise. Our boss said he had some exciting news!

**Don't you think ... ?** Use this phrase to share ideas about something with the expectation that your listener agrees.

Don't you think we're getting a raise? Our boss said he had some exciting news!

**Do you think it's possible that ... ?** Use this phrase to propose an idea or opinion to see if others agree.

Do you think it's possible that we're getting a raise?

**What are we going to do if ... ?** Use this phrase to share a concern and see if anyone else has an idea or plan.

What are we going to do if the company doesn't give us a raise?

**No way we're going to ..., right?** Use this phrase to confirm the opinion that something is a terrible idea.

No way we're going to be asked to take on more work without getting a raise, right?

My company is moving to a bigger location.

Our boss said that there are going to be big cuts in the budget soon.

We're increasing our prices due to inflation.

My team just heard about 3 new positions in our department.

My company doesn't really trust the manufacturer we're currently working with.

## Practice assignment:

- Look at the speech bubbles above. Speculate on what they could mean and then formulate a speculation question for each.
- Think about some recent announcements or events that have happened at your office. recently. Speculate on the reason for the announcements or about what could happen next.

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