Language Practice One

Modal verbs: talking about possibility

Complete these sentences about the AFG story with a word or phrase from the box. You may use each word more than once.

| might be   probably   may   possibly   perhaps |

1 George Lukacs thinks that AFG is _____ moving to Eastern Europe to take advantage of labour costs.

2 '_____ AFG is moving to Eastern Europe because of the higher availability of labour there,' said Frederick Larsen.

3 Carolyn Martin thinks that AFG _____ moving to Eastern Europe because of the availability of raw materials.

4 Lukacs and Larsen both think that other European firms _____ won't move to Eastern Europe.

5 The workers in Liverpool and Lyons _____ go on strike as a protest.

6 This move to Eastern Europe will _____ make AFG more profitable.

7 _____ higher taxes will damage the economy.

8 There _____ a recession in the Western European economy soon.

9 AFG products _____ become less popular in Western Europe after the company moves to Eastern Europe.

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Language Practice Two

Present passive

1 Complete this text by putting the verbs in brackets into the present passive or the present simple active.

At the moment AFG [1] _____ (make) clothes in two European factories. Shirts [2] _____ (make) in Liverpool and trousers and jackets [3] _____ (produce) in Lyons. In these two cities 3,450 people [4] _____ (employ) by the company and many smaller local firms [5] _____ (support) by business from AFG. In 1919 when AFG began business, it sold most of its products in Britain and France. However, now the company's products [6] _____ (sell) all over the world. Cotton [7] _____ (import) to AFG's factories in Western Europe from Russia which [8] _____ (be) very expensive. The company [9] _____ (need) to cut costs in order to compete with its rivals in Eastern Europe and Asia where garments [10] _____ (manufacture) more efficiently than in Western Europe.