



Grammar 1

Future simple, shall, be going to, future continuous

1 Read about the uses of the future simple, *shall*, *be going to*, and the future continuous.

Future simple

- for decisions made at the time of speaking
Those people are very hungry. I'll give them some food.
- for predictions with no evidence
Lots of people will join our conservation group.
- after verbs like *think, believe, be sure, expect*, etc and with adverbs like *probably, maybe*, etc
I think there'll be another earthquake in the area soon.
- to talk about future facts
They will plant their crops in June.
- for promises, threats, warnings, offers and requests
She'll start buying eco-friendly products; she promised.
Stop having fires in the forest, otherwise I'll call the police.
I'll help you start a conservation group at school.
Will you pick up all your rubbish when you finish, please?

Shall

We use *shall* with *I* and *we* to ask for advice or when we want to make a suggestion or an offer.
Which animal shall we do our project on?
Shall we go on an eco-friendly holiday this year?
Shall I show you where the wildfire started?

Be going to

future plans and intentions as well as things we expect to happen in the near future because of something in the present
Kevin says he's going to become a park ranger.
Look at all those machines. They're going to build something in this green belt!

Future continuous

actions that will be in progress at a specific time in the future as well as future plans and arrangements
We'll be learning about man-made disasters this time tomorrow morning.
This time next summer, Nia will be travelling around the African continent.

2 Read the sentences. Which one expresses a suggestion? Which one asks about a future plan or intention?

- Shall we help with the clean-up in the park on Saturday?
- Are we going to help with the clean-up in the park on Saturday?

Read 5.1-5.4 of the Grammar Reference before you do the task.

3 Circle the correct words.

Help from above

What ¹ **shall we do / will we be doing** about one of the planet's biggest environmental problems? Here's a possible solution: drones. These aircraft that have no pilots are traditionally used in military situations that the government expects ² **will be / shall be** too dangerous for pilots flying normal planes.

Now, however, drones have got a new use ... they are helping in the fight to save the planet's endangered species! Some African conservation parks are already using these aircraft and before too long many more conservationists ³ **shall be using / will be using** them too. This is because drones can go anywhere and film anything or anybody, even poachers, people who hunt illegally. In addition, drones are getting cheaper to make and to buy. This seems to indicate that their price ⁴ **is going to continue / will be continuing** to decrease as time goes on. Drones have proved to be very efficient in the war against poachers in Africa, so there is little doubt that their role in conservation ⁵ **will be growing / is going to grow**. It's likely that they ⁶ **will become / are becoming** even more important in the near future. In the past, park rangers dealt with poachers, and they did what they could, but in a few years' time drones, those 'all-seeing-eyes-in-the-sky' ⁷ **will probably replace / will be probably replacing** at least some of these people.

