

# Perseverance – the Mars rover – part 3

Copy the numbers from the blue boxes into the green ones to match the verb tenses to their uses. Then choose the correct verb tenses to complete the text (sometimes more than one tense is possible).

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| 1 | Future simple:<br>WILL + V <sub>-ing</sub>                        |
| 2 | "GOING TO" future:<br>AM / IS / ARE + GOING TO + V <sub>inf</sub> |
| 3 | Present simple:<br>V / V <sub>-s</sub>                            |
| 4 | Present continuous:<br>AM / IS / ARE + V <sub>-ing</sub>          |
| 5 | Future continuous:<br>WILL BE + V <sub>-ing</sub>                 |
| 6 | Future perfect:<br>WILL HAVE + V <sub>-en</sub>                   |

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|  | Prediction                                        |
|  | Immediate definite plans                          |
|  | Spontaneous decision                              |
|  | Plan or firm intention                            |
|  | Future event regulated by a timetable or calendar |
|  | Action in progress in the future                  |
|  | Finished action in the future                     |
|  | Prediction based on evidence                      |
|  | Promise                                           |

We do not know yet whether humans \_\_\_\_\_ on Mars one day, and it is probably too soon to tell, but if the NASA plans go ahead, in all probability a human colony \_\_\_\_\_ on Mars in the next century, if not in this one.

The next few years \_\_\_\_\_ crucial for this issue: three Mars rovers \_\_\_\_\_ simultaneously on the planet. These robots \_\_\_\_\_ us with an incredible amount of information which \_\_\_\_\_ scientists make the right decisions concerning the best way to set up a human base on Mars.

By the time the current rovers finish their missions, scientists hope they \_\_\_\_\_ enough about Mars to avoid all its dangers: toxic soil, radiation exposure, lack of water, cold and isolation.

The issue of water in particular poses a problem: it \_\_\_\_\_ impossible to send water to Mars as it is sent —four times a year— to the International Space Station, so the inhabitants of Mars \_\_\_\_\_ to find water on the planet, or \_\_\_\_\_ under its surface.