**b** Underline the correct verb form(s) in these sentences. (Sometimes two are possible.)

1 Computer scientists predict that the new virus *is going to affect/is affecting/will affect* at least two million PCs in the next two days.

2 *I may meet/I'm meeting/I'll meet* my girlfriend for dinner tonight. I've booked a table at my favourite restaurant.

3 I've decided *I change/I'm going to change/ I'm changing* my job.

4 A I can't get the computer to work.
B Don't worry, *I help/I'll help/I'm helping* you.

5 Look out! *You'll hit/You're hitting/You're going to hit* your head, if you're not careful.

6 A Jane, I think that's your mobile ringing.
B I'm sorry. *I'm going to switch/I'm switching/I'll switch* it off.

7 A What *are you doing/are you going to do/ will you do* tonight?
B I don't know. *I'm going/I'll go/I might go* to the cinema or to a disco.

## Practice

**17** Put the verbs into the ***be going to*** future or the ***shall/will*** future. If both tenses are possible, choose the one that is most appropriate for the context. With the verbs *to go* or *to come* use the present continuous as future instead of the ***be going to*** future.

Two friends, Jack and David, are talking.

J: Have you decided what you [1]*are going to do* (do) this weekend?

D: Yes, we [2]..... (have) a quiet day on Saturday and then on Sunday we [3]..... (take) a bus up into the mountains and do some walking. And we [4]..... (probably book into) a hotel there for the night. What about you? [5]..... (you/do) lots of work as usual?

J: Well, no. Mark phoned last night about coming down this weekend.

D: Really?

J: Yes, he [6]..... (come) on Friday.

D: Oh, I'd like to see him. I think I [7]..... (phone him up) tonight and arrange something.

J: Well, we're planning to spend the day on the beach on Saturday. We [8]..... (do) some swimming and sunbathing. I just hope the weather [9]..... (be) warm enough. And then on Saturday night we [10]..... (see) that new film with Tom Cruise.

D: Well, as I've got nothing planned, I [11]..... (join) you at the beach on Saturday then, if that's O.K.

J: Of course it is. I [12]..... (pick you up) from your flat some time after breakfast.

D: Oh thanks. [13]..... (I/bring) a picnic?

J: Yes. Why not? I tell you what: Mark and I [14]..... (make) some sandwiches and [15]..... (you/bring) some salad and fruit?

D: Yes, fine. I [16]..... (do) that. Good. That [17]..... (save) us all the cost of eating out. And what about the film? What time [18]..... (you/see) that?

J: We [19]..... (see) the early showing at 6.00 and then we [20]..... (try out) that new disco in town.

D: Right. Well, I think I [21]..... (spend) the evening at home with Sarah.

J: O.K. So I [22]..... (see) you on Saturday morning, probably at around 10 o'clock.

D: Fine.