

A Read this extract from a novel and underline the correct future forms for 1–10.

Lynn's Decision

Steve and Stuart took their coffees to a table at the far end of the café and sat down. Steve spoke first. 'Have you heard that Lynn 1 gives up/is giving up her job next week? She's already handed in her notice and she says that she 2 's going to do/'s doing something more interesting.'

Stuart tutted and sighed with disapproval. 'Well, I 3 'll tell/'m telling you what I think. I think she 4 's regretting/'s going to regret it because she 5 won't get/doesn't get a better job.'

Steve was more sympathetic. 'I don't know about that,' he said. 'She thinks that she 6 's finding/'ll find something she prefers. She reckons it 7 'll be/'s being easy. As a matter of fact, she 8 's going/'ll go somewhere for an interview next week.'

Stuart was not convinced. 'The way things are at the moment, I'm sure it 9 's going to take/'s taking her a long time to get what she wants. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised to find out that she 10 'll look/'s looking six months from now.'

B Read this letter and underline the correct future forms for 1–10.

Dear Eddie,

There isn't much news from here except that the local festival 1 starts/will start tomorrow. I 2 'm not taking part/don't take part myself, but some of my friends, who have a group, 3 play/are playing in it.

There 4 's being/'ll be a concert in the square in the evening and that's where they 5 'll be performing/perform. Most of the local people, especially the young ones, 6 go/will be going there and I'm really looking forward to it because I think it 7 's going to be/'s being great fun.

I 8 'm letting/'ll let you know how it went and maybe I 9 'll send/'m going to send you some photos.

I 10 'm writing/'ll write to you again soon,

Claudia

- C** Complete this conversation from a novel by putting the verbs in the correct tenses. There is sometimes more than one correct answer.



Meeting Up

Ruth was sitting at her desk trying to sort the problem out when the phone rang. She answered it nervously, expecting more trouble.

'Hi, it's Pete,' a friendly voice said. She was relieved. 'Listen, 1 (you do) anything tonight?' he asked.

'Yeah,' she said, trying to focus on her social life, 'I 2 (meet) some friends in a bar after work.'

'Well, what about one evening next week? We haven't seen each other for weeks,' said Pete. She reached for her diary. 'Hang on a minute. I 3 (look) in my diary.' She turned some pages, had a quick look and then said, 'Well, I 4 (not be able to) see you on Monday because I've got a meeting that always 5 (go on) until quite late.'

'Well, what about after the meeting? Say, around 8.30?'

'I'm afraid not,' said Ruth. 'At 8.30 I 6 (sit) in traffic on my way home from the meeting. It's out of town and it usually 7 (not end) until after 8.'

'OK, what about Tuesday?'

'Well, you 8 (not believe) this, but I've taken up fitness training and the classes are on Tuesday evenings. You see, I've decided that I 9 (start) getting fit.'

'Good for you,' said Pete. 'So, is Wednesday any good?'

'Let me see,' she said, looking at her diary again. 'Well, I 10 (see) a client from 2 till 5 but I 11 (not do) anything after that. 12 (we fix up) something for Wednesday, then?'

'At last!' said Pete, laughing. '13 (we meet) in The Shangri-La at 7?'

'Fine,' said Ruth. 'I 14 (see) you there.'



D Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using *was/were going to*, *be about to*, *be on the point of*, *be + infinitive with to*, or *be due to* and including the word in bold.

- 1 According to the timetable, their plane arrives at 4.55.
due
Their plane at 4.55.
- 2 The programme you want to watch starts in one minute, so come in and sit down.
about
The programme you want to watch , so come in and sit down.
- 3 The annual meeting will be held next month.
is
The annual meeting next month.
- 4 My intention was to phone you last night but I forgot.
going
I you last night but I forgot.
- 5 On the instructions it says that you should call this number if the computer stops working.
are
On the instructions, it says that this number if the computer stops working.
- 6 If you'll listen to me, I'm going to explain what happened in a few seconds.
just
If you'll listen to me, explain what happened.
- 7 They had arranged to get married last month but they had to cancel it.
going
They married last month but they had to cancel it.
- 8 This bill should have been paid two weeks ago.
due
This bill two weeks ago.
- 9 He didn't know at the time that it would be his last visit to the place.
was
He didn't know at the time that his last visit to the place.
- 10 I thought that he would lose his temper in a few seconds.
about
I thought that his temper.
- 11 He regretted his decision years later.
was
Years later, his decision.
- 12 If he hadn't arrived at that moment, I would have gone home a few seconds later.
point
I was home when he arrived.

A Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given.

- 1 Make up your mind and then tell me what your decision is.

once

Tell me what your decision is your mind.

- 2 The judges will hear all the evidence and then they will decide.

after

The judges will decide all the evidence.

- 3 Answer all the questions and then check your answers.

before

Don't check your answers all the questions.

- 4 I'm going to her party next week but I won't see her before then.

until

I I go to her party next week.

- 5 I made sure she wasn't badly injured and then I called a doctor.

after

I called a doctor she wasn't badly injured.

- 6 I'm going to think about this carefully and then give an opinion.

before

I won't give an opinion about this carefully.

- 7 I'm going to save enough money and then I'll be able to have a holiday.

until

I won't be able to have a holiday enough money.

- 8 He said that he had worked extremely hard and he hoped he would be successful.

after

He said that , he hoped that he would be successful.

- 9 She spoke to me and then I found out that she had an accent.

until

I didn't find out that she had to me.

- 10 The train was still moving when he opened the door.

before

He opened the door moving.

B Decide whether these sentences are correct or not. Correct those which are incorrect.

- 1 I had something to eat and then I began to feel better.
- 2 When he told me the truth, I was amazed.
- 3 After going to bed, the phone rang and I had to get up again.
- 4 Guests must return room keys before leaving the hotel.
- 5 He had a shock afterwards he was upset for a long time.
- 6 I couldn't get the job I wanted until I had gained more experience.
- 7 Think about your own faults before criticizing other people.
- 8 I posted the form and after I realized that I hadn't filled it in properly.
- 9 I knew it was a mistake immediately I'd said it.
- 10 I ran out of the room the moment I hear a noise outside.
- 11 After listening to what he had to say, I realized that he was right.
- 12 The boss was nice to me and after that I felt better about the job.

C Join these pairs of sentences using the word(s) given to begin the sentence.

- 1 You're going to see Alan tonight. Give him my regards.
When
- 2 I'm going to tell you this secret. Then you're going to be upset.
After
- 3 He dressed and shaved. Then he went out.
After
- 4 You're going to meet her. You'll find out how nice she is.
As soon as
- 5 They're going to visit me. They're going to phone me first.
Before
- 6 I'm going to the bank. Then I'm going to the supermarket.
When
- 7 She rang to say goodbye. Then she left the country.
Before
- 8 I finished all my work. Then I went home.
When