

THE FUTURE

20 Present Continuous, *going to*, and Future Simple

REMEMBER!

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Present continuous as future

- A planned future action:
I'm seeing Jessica tonight.

'Going to' future

- Planned future events:
They're going to open the new offices on 1st March.
- Future events evident from something in the present:
Look at the snow. It's going to be difficult to get into work tomorrow.
- Future events in a neutral way:
Richard's going to be the new director.

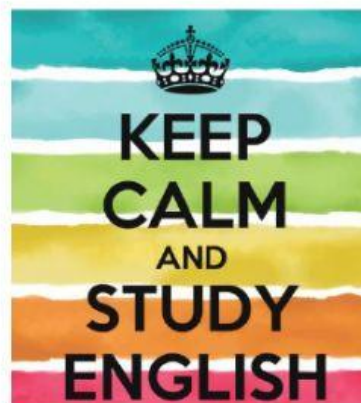
Future Simple

- Statements of future fact:
The job will be finished by the weekend.
- Decisions made at the time of speaking:
There's Eleanor. I'll go and talk to her.
- To show willingness:
I'll help you.

Practice

Write the following sentences in the most likely form (present continuous, *going to*, or future simple).

- 1 'We've run out of milk.'
'Oh, have we? I ~~will go~~ and get some.' (go)
- 2 'So you've moved into your new house. Congratulations!'
'Thank you. We ~~are going to have~~ a party soon.' (have)



- 3 I'm afraid I can't come to dinner on Saturday - I
Tim. (meet)
- 4 Josh five next Tuesday. (be)
- 5 It's raining - we take an umbrella. (have to)
- 6 My cousins to stay with us at the weekend.
(come)
- 7 Look at that car! It that tree! (hit)
- 8 I promise I that again. (not do)
- 9 Did you hear that the company a new factory?
(open)
- 10 You look tired. Sit down and I you a cup of tea.
(make)
- 11 'I think there's someone at the door.' 'OK, I (go)
and answer it.'
- 12 (you/stay) at home this weekend?
- 13 Kate's really unhappy at work so she (look for)
a new job soon.
- 14 She looks really upset. I think she (cry).
- 15 I know you've got a lot to do so I (try) and help
you as much as I can.
- 16 What (you/do) when you've spent all your
money?
- 17 Kate phoned up. She (come round) to see us
this afternoon.
- 18 I'm sorry I made you so angry. I (not do)
that again.
- 19 Look at the sky. It (be) a lovely day today.
- 20 I'm sorry you're leaving. I hope you (come
back) and see us soon.