

FUTURE TENSES

PRESENT SIMPLE	PRESENT CONTINUOUS	GOING TO	WILL
To talk about fixed events. (timetables, schedules) * The train leaves at 5:55. *The new zoo opens on Friday. * The match starts at 3 pm.	To talk about things we have arranged in the past to do in the future. (arrangements) For example: My father had a job interview, the enterprise called him and asked him to start work next week. We can now say: * He's starting a new job next week. Example 2: We have invited Tom and Johana to come for dinner on Sunday. They accepted. We can now say: *Tom and Johana are coming on Sunday.	To talk about things we have decided to do in the future. (plans or intentions) * Paul is not going to study music at university. * I'm going to see a film tonight. * We are not going to buy a car this year. They are very expensive. ***I am going to go to the movies tonight.	When we make a decision to do something. (Decisions taken at the moment of speaking) For example, when the telephone rings, we say: * I'll answer. A: I have a party on Sunday. You are all invited. B: I'll go to your party. C: Sorry, I won't go. I have things to do.

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To talk about an event in the future using “after, when, before, until, as soon as”. * I’m going to finish this work before I go. * Wait until I get back. * I’ll phone you as soon as I get back.		To predict the future, using information we know now. (evidence) * Look at the blue sky! It’s going to be hot. * The kid has eaten so much chocolate. He’s going to be ill. * Look at the time. It’s already late. They aren’t going to come to the party.	To talk about future facts, and things that we think will happen in the future. * My mother will be forty this year. * He’s a good student. I think he won’t make any mistakes. Common expressions: I think... I believe... In my opinion...
			When we want to do things for other people (offers / promises) * I will help you with your homework. * I’ll make you a cup of coffee.

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+) I work on Saturdays. -) I don't work on Saturdays. ?) Do I work on Saturday?	+) I am visiting my mother next week. -) I'm not visiting my mother next week. ?) Are you visiting your mother next week?	+) She is going to play tennis today. -) She isn't going to play tennis today. ?) Is she going to play tennis today?	+) John will arrive tomorrow. -) John will not arrive tomorrow. will not = won't ?) Will John arrive tomorrow?
+) The class starts at 8 am. -) The class doesn't start at 8 am. ?) Does the class start at 8 am?	I am + ing. You/We/They are + ing He/She/It is + ing	I am going to +inf. You/We/They are going to +inf He/She/It is going to +inf	