

Future



Fill in the blanks with the correct future form of the verb in brackets. Then match each one to its use.

- ☐ I'm sorry. I can't see you on Wednesday. I _____ (meet) Paul to plan Jeremy's retirement party.
- ☐ Nobody wants to miss the party. All of his colleagues _____ (collaborate) in one way or another.
- ☐ I _____ just _____ (go) to the shops to buy some party-favours. Is there anything else we need?
- ☐ Don't call me between 6 and 7. I _____ (work) on my speech.
- ☐ Let's leave the car in a car park. Parking at the venue _____ (be) impossible at this hour.
- ☐ We can't get there at 10! Most people _____ (leave) by then!
- ☐ Be careful with your drink. You _____ (spill) it on your shirt.
- ☐ Oh, no! You've spilt your drink! Don't worry. I _____ (refill) it for you.

1. Prediction based on opinion
2. Prediction based on present evidence (Warning)
3. Decision made at the time of speaking
4. Arrangement
5. Action in progress at a point in the future
6. Intention
7. Prediction about a completed action in the future.
8. Near future event (Imminent)

Future in the Past

Transfer the future forms you used in exercise 1 to the past.

- I said she couldn't see her on Wednesday because I _____ (meet) Paul to plan Jeremy's retirement party.
- Nobody wanted to miss the party. All of his colleagues _____ (collaborate) in one way or another.
- I _____ just _____ (go) to the shops to buy some party-favours so I asked Paul if there was anything else we needed.
- I told them not to call me between 6 and 7 as I _____ (work) on my speech.
- I suggested leaving the car in a car park because parking at the venue _____ (be) impossible at that hour.
- I told her we couldn't get there at 10 because most people _____ (leave) by then.
- I warned him that he _____ (spill) his drink on his shirt.
- I noticed he had spilt his drink and I said I _____ (refill) it for him.

