

Supposed to is used when the event/action is expected but there is possibility it changes

OR reporting a message

- The party _____ at 8:00 p.m., but most guests arrived at 9:00. (start)
- The train was _____ at 11.00. Why was it so late? (arrive)
- Why are you watching TV? You're _____ your homework. (do)
- You can't go to the pub – you're _____ ill! (be)
- I'm going to wash the car now. I was _____ it yesterday, but I didn't feel like it. (do)
- I'd better hurry up; I'm _____ Helen at eleven o'clock. (meet)
- Where's Harriette? She was _____ by now. (arrive)

To be expected is used to show that event is anticipated without any additional conditions in quite official manner.

- A decision _____ (be made) sometime next year.
- The road section _____ (cost) around \$3bn.
- The \$7 million project _____ (continue) through 2034.
- Unemployment _____ (remain) stubbornly high.
- The project _____ (reach) three main objectives.
- The facility _____ (open) mid 2035.
- The terminal _____ (manage) passenger traffic till 2030.
- The crew _____ (number) 138 persons.
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To be set to is used to say that something is officially expected

- The Mars 2020 rover _____ later this year and is expected to land on Mars in 2 years. (launch)
- Schools should be ready as the new school year _____. (begin)
- As the result of the elections three opposition parties _____ parliament. (enter)
- After California passed the bill, other states _____ their example. (follow)
- Several Norwegian partnership countries _____ significant grants. (receive)
- Negotiations _____ until Sunday. (continue)
- The laws _____ in June. (expire)
- Oil exports to China _____ substantially. (increase)

Should and shouldn't are used to make an assumption about what is probably true, if everything is as we expect and also reflects our positive or negative emotions towards the situation.

- Mary _____ at home by now. Give her a call. (be)
- He _____ the letter by now. I sent it a couple of weeks ago. (have)
- The train _____ at 5 PM if it's on time. (arrive)
- She _____ home by now since she left work an hour ago. (be)
- The weather _____ nice tomorrow based on the forecast. (be)
- He _____ about the meeting; I sent him an email yesterday. (know)
- The traffic _____ too bad this early in the morning because most people are still at home and not on the road yet. (be)
- They _____ any issues finding the place since they have GPS to guide them. (have)
- It _____ more than 30 minutes to complete the task if you stay focused and don't get distracted. (take)
- She _____ surprised about the news because we already told her about the changes yesterday. (be)

Present continuous is used to describe prearranged events

- They _____ to Spain next week for their holiday. They booked their flights and hotel months ago. (travel)
- We _____ dinner with Sarah and John tomorrow evening. We made the reservation at the restaurant last week. (have)
- He _____ (start) his new job on Monday. He already signed the contract and completed his paperwork.
- The team _____ an important match this Saturday. The schedule was confirmed by the league last month. (play)
- She _____ her friends at the café after work today. They agreed on the time and place yesterday. (meet)
- The movie _____ at 8 PM tonight. The tickets are booked, and the cinema confirmed the showtime. (begin)
- I _____ to New York on Friday morning. I already bought my plane ticket and packed my bags. (fly)

- They _____ into their new house next month. They signed the contract with the movers and received the keys. (move)
- We _____ to the concert this weekend. We bought the tickets as soon as they were released. (go)

Future continuous is used to say the event will take place at a certain time in the future.

- When you come out of school tomorrow, _____ a plane. (board)
Try to call before 8 o'clock. After that, we _____ the match. (watch)
You can visit us during the first week of July. I _____ then. (work)
- This time next week, I _____ photographs with my new camera. (take)
- I'll post your letter for you. I _____ a post-box. (pass)
- Next week they _____ to Australia from Saudi Arabia when we start. (fly)