

The future



TIPS

I think the weather **will be** fine tomorrow. (This is my belief.)
I can hear the thunder. It's **going to rain** soon. (This is a prediction based on what we can hear and see now.)

'Let's have a party.' 'Great idea! We **ll invite** lots of people.' (This is a decision we've just made.)
Mary and I have decided to have a party. We **are going to invite** lots of people. (This is our intention/plan for the future.)



TIPS

We use the **present simple** for timetables, schedules and programmes. We use the **present continuous** for fixed appointments and arrangements.

The film **starts** at 6.30 pm. (timetable)

They **are meeting** at 6.30 pm. (fixed arrangement)

Complete. Use the **future simple** or **be going to**.

- 1 A: What will schools be like in the future?
B: I believe that most schools **will have** (have) smart classrooms in the next decade.
- 2 A: I've just realised I haven't got any money.
B: Don't worry! I _____ (lend) you some.
- 3 A: I'm going to sell my bike.
B: Really? How much _____ (sell) it for?
- 4 A: I don't know how to use this smartwatch.
B: It's easy. I _____ (show) you.
- 5 A: The roof in this building doesn't look very safe.
B: You're right. It looks as if it _____ (fall) to pieces.
- 6 A: What would you like to eat?
B: I _____ (have) a cheese sandwich, please.
- 7 A: Did you remember to get some milk on your way home?
B: Oh, I'm sorry, I completely forgot. I _____ (get) some now.
- 8 A: What is Nora going to do when she leaves school?
B: She's got everything planned. She _____ (take) a holiday for two weeks and then she _____ (do) a computer programming course.

Complete. Use the future simple or the present continuous.

- 1 It's likely that we will all benefit (all / benefit) from high-tech healthcare one day.
- 2 That sounds great! I _____ (see) you outside the cinema at half past eight.
- 3 Diane _____ (study) for an important exam this weekend.
- 4 '_____ (you / do) anything tomorrow evening?' 'No, I'm free. Why?'
- 5 I don't want to go to the gym alone. _____ (you / come) with me, please?
- 6 'Remember to turn off the lights before you go to bed.' 'OK. I _____ (not forget).
- 7 _____ (Daisy and Claire / go) shopping together on Saturday?
- 8 'Are you coming with us?' 'No, I think I _____ (stay) here.'

Complete. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

- 1 There has been a change in the timetable. Our chemistry lesson starts (start) at 3.00 pm.
- 2 What time _____ (your train / leave) tomorrow?
- 3 _____ (the show / begin) at 8.30 pm or at 9.30 pm?
- 4 Cousin James _____ (stay) with us this weekend. It will be fun.
- 5 The art exhibition _____ (finish) on 30th May.
- 6 'What time _____ (you / play) tennis with Helen today?'
'At three.'
- 7 Aunt Julia _____ (visit) us this summer. I've missed her so much.
- 8 We _____ (go) to a rock concert tonight.
It _____ (start) at 7.30 pm.

Future continuous

Affirmative	He'll be studying at half past four.
Negative	He won't be studying at half past four.
Question	Will he be studying at half past four?

Use

We use the future continuous:

- to talk about an action that will be in progress at a particular time in the future.
*This time tomorrow we'll **be taking** our exams.*
- to ask someone about their plans for the future.
***Will you be visiting** us next summer?*
- to talk about something that we are sure will happen because it is part of a routine, part of a plan or part of a schedule of future events.
*They'll **be playing** their favourite online game in the afternoon.*

Time expressions

We often use the future continuous with these time words and phrases:

tomorrow, tomorrow evening, this time tomorrow, at eight o'clock, on Monday, in two weeks, etc.
*They'll be waiting for us outside the Internet café **at nine o'clock.***

Complete. Use the future continuous.

- 1 Do you think people will be taking (take) food pills a hundred years from now?
- 2 At three o'clock Rita and Jan _____ (give) a presentation about 3D printing in medicine.
- 3 Norman _____ (wait) for us at the skate park later.
- 4 _____ (Owen / work) on the same project in two weeks' time?
- 5 Students _____ (not bring) books to school tomorrow.
- 6 This time next week Lee _____ (hang out) with his cousins in Italy.
- 7 What _____ (you / do) this time tomorrow?
- 8 I _____ (not use) the charger for long.
You can have it in a few minutes.



Future perfect simple, future perfect continuous

	Affirmative	Negative	Question
Future perfect simple	They will have arrived by then.	They won't have arrived by then.	Will they have arrived by then?
Future perfect continuous	They will have been travelling for five hours.	They won't have been travelling for five hours.	Will they have been travelling for five hours?

Future perfect simple

We use the future perfect simple to talk about something that will be over before a particular time in the future.

They **won't have repaired** the computer by the end of the week.

Future perfect continuous

We use the future perfect continuous to talk about something that will continue up to a particular time in the future.

We **will have been waiting** for more than two hours when her plane finally arrives.

Time expressions

We often use the future perfect simple and future perfect continuous with these time words and phrases:

by, by the time, before, in a year's time, in ten minutes, soon, etc.

Dr Straw **will have been teaching** at the university for more than twenty years by the time he retires.

Complete. Use the **future perfect simple** or the **future continuous**.

Garret: I've read that there won't be any postmen, postwomen or couriers in a few years.

Maggy: Why not?

Garret: Well, drones (1) will be delivering (deliver) everything. By 2030, using drones (2) _____ (become) the most popular type of delivery.

Maggy: What kind of products (3) _____ (they / carry)?

Garret: All kinds of things. The demand for food, water and medicine deliveries to remote places (4) _____ (increase) a lot by 2030. In the near future, things like pizzas and medicine will only be delivered by drone.

Maggy: I find this quite unbelievable.

Garret: But it's true. By the time we are 20, drones (5) _____ (take) full control of the delivery market. In the next few years, architects (6) _____ (design) houses with special spaces on roofs for drones to deliver packages. These flying robots (7) _____ (charge) their batteries there and then they will be ready for their next delivery.

Maggy: Wow! I can't wait to see that! Drones (8) _____ (fly) everywhere. I guess that air traffic control will be a huge problem with so many drones flying around.

Garret: In that case, we will need special drone traffic controllers!

☐ I have completed this worksheet honestly.



Name: _____