

FCE – Expressing the Future – Part 1

Here are four main ways to talk about the future.

Step 1: Underline the words and phrases expressing the future in sentences 1 – 10.

Step 2: Match each sentence 1 – 10 with the correct use.

Step 3: Label the sentences with the correct name of the tense.

Present Simple / Present Continuous / Future Simple / Be Going To (*am / is / are)*

1. I think Barcelona will win the championship.
2. "I hope you will have a great holiday!"
3. "Don't worry, I will help you with the project."
4. "Are you cold? I'll close the window right away."

A. Expressing hope

B. Beliefs about the future

C. Decisions made on the spot

D. Making promises

5. Sarah is going to move to a new city soon.
6. "Look at the clouds! It's going to rain!"

E. Personal plans and intentions

F. Predictions based on evidence

7. The plane leaves tonight.
8. The shop closes in 30 minutes.
9. The party finishes around midnight.

G. Timetables

H. Schedules of events

I. Opening / closing times

10. I'm seeing the doctor tomorrow.

J. Fixed arrangements