

C Grammar exercises

1 Underline the most suitable form of the verbs.

To:	Mark
Co:	Jo
Subject:	Trip

Why don't you come with us to Yorkshire? It's all arranged. Jo comes/is coming (1) to my house at six so we can go to the station together. The train doesn't leave/isn't leaving (2) until 6.45 but we don't want to be late. It stops/is stopping (3) a lot on the way so it doesn't arrive/isn't arriving (4) until three in the afternoon. We stay/are staying (5) in a youth hostel and we spend/are spending (6) five days there. We can catch a bus some of the way from the station but it doesn't go/isn't going (7) all the way so we have to walk the last two miles from the village. We have/are having (8) breakfast and our evening meal at the youth hostel. It's in a beautiful spot with lots to see. On the way back we need to set off early as there's only one bus and it leaves/is leaving (9) at 8.30. The train back is faster so it arrives/is arriving (10) just after lunch.

2 Fill in the gaps with the present continuous or the *will*-future of the verb in brackets.

- Tim: Where are you going?
Julie: To the cinema.
Tim: Wait for me. I think I will come (come) with you.
- From next week all enquiries should be sent to Mary because Frances will leave (leave) on Friday.
- Rachel: I will give (give) Sophie a CD for her birthday. What will you give (you give) her?
Fiona: I will probably get (probably get) her a new purse. She keeps losing money from her old one.
- John: I need to finish packing today because we will move (move) tomorrow and there's still lots to do.
Peter: Don't worry. I will come (come) round tonight and help you.

- 5 The government hopes that the national strike (not continue) after next week's meeting, otherwise the economy (not recover) for years.
- 6 James: Never walk under a ladder or you (have) ten years' bad luck.
Kay: Rubbish!
- 7 Details of the president's visit are now confirmed. He (stay) at the Castle Hotel for two days.
- 8 Assistant: We have milk chocolate, plain chocolate, with nuts, with fruit.
Man: Er ... what a lot of choice. I (have) a bar of milk chocolate, please.
- 9 Sarah: (you do) anything special next Saturday?
Lee: Yes, I am. My cousin (arrive) from Italy so I (drive) to the airport in the afternoon to meet him.
- 10 Carol: Have you finished that book I lent you?
Sam: Oh sorry. I forgot all about it. I (get) it now.

3 Read the following situations. Write about what you think will happen.

- 1 Anna has two cousins called Rebecca Smith and Rebecca Jones. Anna gets on very well with Rebecca Smith but she doesn't like Rebecca Jones. She has received letters from her cousins asking her if they can visit. She replies to them both. She wants to see Rebecca Smith but not Rebecca Jones. Unfortunately she puts the letters in the wrong envelopes.

How will her cousins feel when they receive her letters?

What will happen?

How will Anna feel when she finds out?

Example: Rebecca Smith won't understand why Anna doesn't want her to visit.

- 2 A tour guide has just arrived in a foreign city with a group of 30 teenagers and their teachers at the end of a long journey. They don't know it yet but when they get to the hotel where they have booked rooms they will find that their rooms have been given to a group of elderly tourists who are already asleep in the rooms.

What will happen?

What will the hotel manager do?

How will the teenagers and their teachers feel?

- 4 Look at the pictures and fill in the gaps with suitable verbs in the present continuous, the *will*-future, the present simple or the future continuous.



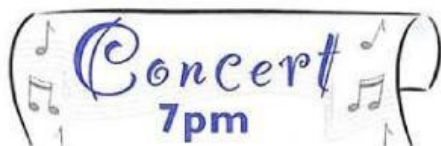
- 1 I expect my parents
..... again for
my birthday.



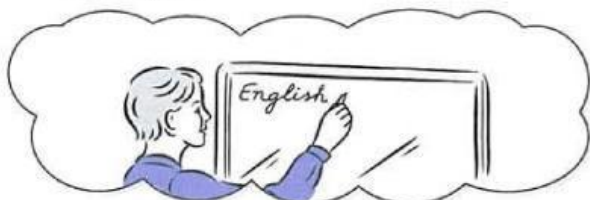
- 2 Sam tomorrow
morning at ten o'clock.



- 3 My grandfather
on his next birthday.



- 4 The concert at
seven pm.



- 5 I think I when I
grow up.



- 6 At midday tomorrow I
..... over
the Atlantic.



- 7 The sale
on Friday.



- 8 This time next week we
..... in Austria.



- 9 We to Ireland by
ferry this summer.

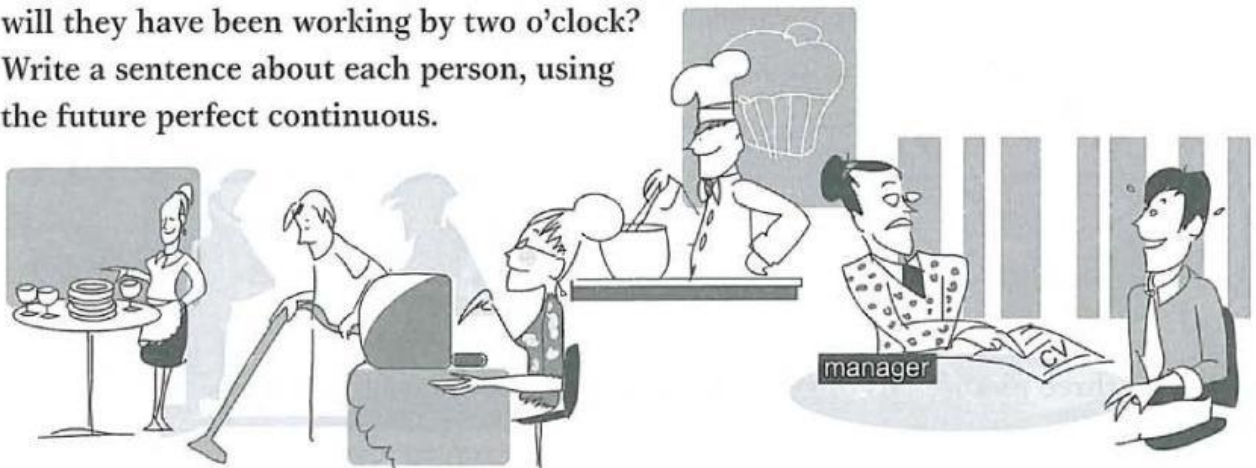


- 10 Maybe my father
the money I need.

- 3** In five of these sentences there is a verb in the wrong tense. Underline each mistake and write the correction.

- 1 I'm not going to pay you until you'll have cleaned up all this mess! you have cleaned
- 2 Before we're going to get on the train, I'm going to check that we have all our luggage.
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- 3 As soon as the guests have unpacked, you can show them round the college.
.....
- 4 Paul will probably arrive after all the others will have started work.
- 5 When you'll see David, will you ask him if he wants to come to the cinema with us?
.....
- 6 I'll collect your things from the cleaners when I'm in town.
- 7 Margaret's going to phone as soon as she'll have found out what the tickets will cost.
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- 4** These people work in a hotel. It's now twelve o'clock. How long will they have been working by two o'clock?
Write a sentence about each person, using the future perfect continuous.



- 1 chef / cook meals (started work at eight o'clock)
The chef will have been cooking meals for six hours.
- 2 secretary / type letters (started work at ten o'clock)
.....
- 3 manager / interview new staff (started work at eight-thirty)
.....
- 4 waitress / stand in the dining-room (started work at eleven o'clock)
.....
- 5 cleaner / vacuum floors (started work at seven o'clock)
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5 Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use *going to*, future in the past, the present simple, *about to* or the future perfect.

- a John: What are your plans for the weekend?
 Sue: Well, we've just changed our plans, actually. We were going to have
 (have) (1) a barbecue on Sunday. But the weather forecast says it
 (be) (2) cold and windy, so we
 (stay) (3) indoors and watch a video.
- b Beth: Is it all right for you to use the boss's office while he's on holiday?
 Nick: Oh, I'm sure he won't mind when he
 (find out) (4) how many cars I've sold this week.
- c Terry: Are you very busy this afternoon?
 Eddy: Well, that depends on why you're asking. I
 (wash) (5) the car. Do you have a better idea?
 Terry: Yes. I (look round) (6) the new sports club.
 Do you want to come? You can wash the car tomorrow.
 Eddy: Sure. Let's go.
- d Ben: Hurry up! We (miss) (7) the beginning of
 the concert.
 Mary: Don't be silly. We've got plenty of time.
 Ben: But it starts at nine. I want to arrive before the hall
 (get) (8) full, otherwise other people
 (take) (9) all the good seats by the time
 we're there.
- e Laura: Do you have a moment to discuss this letter?
 Bill: Well, I (have) (10) something to eat, and
 then I (write) (11) a report. Is it urgent?
 Laura: Well, we (talk) (12) about it yesterday, but
 you were too busy then. I must reply to it today and I need your
 opinion.
 Bill: OK. I (finish) (13) my lunch by twenty past
 one. Can you come back then?
- f Chloe: By next Friday I (work) (14) in this office
 for three years. Nobody has ever thanked me for anything I've done, so
 I (start) (15) looking for another job!