5.2 Grammar

Future forms: *will*, *be going to*, Present Continuous, Present Simple

GRAMMAR Future forms

Predictions or decisions made at the moment of speaking
I'll do it!
I won't finish the race.
Will that help me run five kilometres? Yes, it will.

Plans and predictions based on things we know now
It's going to snow all week.
Are you really going to study music at university?

Arrangements
I'm meeting Carla this afternoon.

Timetables
The bus leaves in five minutes.

1 ● Choose the correct option.

1 They're a very good team – I think *they'll win* / *they win* today.
2 Hurry up – the race *starts* / *will start* in fifteen minutes!
3 Is your bag heavy? Wait, *I'm going to help* / *I'll help you*.
4 *I'll go* / *I'm going* on holiday on Saturday.
5 Freddie *will join* / *is going to join* a gym so he can do more training.
6 Be careful on that ladder – *you're going to fall* / *you're falling*.

2 ●● Match the verbs in bold in sentences 1–6 with functions a–f.

1 [c] Off you go. I'm sure you'**ll have** fun.
2 [ ] Don't worry, **I'll do** the washing-up.
3 [ ] **I'm meeting** Sam this afternoon.
4 [ ] **I'm going to take up** a new sport this year.
5 [ ] Look! It's **going to rain**.
6 [ ] The match **starts** at 7 p.m.

a an arrangement
b a timetable
c ~~a prediction made at the moment of speaking~~
d a prediction based on what we know now
e a decision made at the moment of speaking
f a plan

3 ●● Read the dialogue. Choose the correct answer.

A: Hi, James. What are your plans for the weekend?
B: Well, [1] ___ football on Saturday afternoon.
A: Really? What time [2] ___ the match start?
B: At three o'clock.
A: Cool! [3] ___ and watch.
B: Great! I think it [4] ___ an exciting match.
A: Good. What about later? Have you got any plans?
B: Yes, Ali [5] ___ me after the match. He wants to go to the cinema in the evening. Do you want to come with us?
A: Sorry, I can't. [6] ___ dinner with my grandparents at eight o'clock. Maybe next week.

1	a I play	(b) I'm playing	c I will play
2	a will	b is	c does
3	a I'll come	b I come	c I'm coming
4	a is	b will be	c is being
5	a calls	b is going to call	c won't call
6	a I'm having	b I'll have	c I have

4 ●●● Choose the correct option.

Hi. Mia [1] *comes* / *is coming* round to my house this evening to watch the match. Do you want to come?

What [2] *will you watch* / *are you going to watch*?

It's a tennis match. I think [3] *you enjoy* / *you'll enjoy* it. The two players are excellent.

Sounds great. My fitness class [4] *finishes* / *will finish* at half past five, so I can come after that.

Great! Mia [5] *is going to order* / *orders* some pizzas too.

Cool! So [6] *I'm going to bring* / *I'll bring* some snacks with me.

Great! See you later.

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