STERLING ENGLISH Language Learning

5 GRAMMAR

1 Read about the uses of the future simple, *be going to* and present continuous for future.

Future simple

- for predictions when we don't have proof, often after verbs like *think, believe, be sure,* etc and with adverbs like *probably, perhaps, maybe,* etc
  *I **think** Mona **will do** French at university.*
  *Perhaps our teacher **will take** us to the museum.*
- for decisions we make at the time of speaking
  *It's hot in the classroom. I'**ll open** a window.*
- when we offer to do something for somebody
  *I'**ll carry** your books for you.*
- for requests
  ***Will** you please **join** the club?*
- for promises
  *I **won't be** late for class again.*
- for warnings
  *Look out! You'**ll hurt** one of your classmates!*

Be going to

- for plans and intentions, things we have decided to do in the future
  *I'**m going to go** to university in London.*
  *My sister **is going to become** a science teacher.*
- for predictions and things we expect to happen in the near future because of something we know or can see now
  *He hasn't studied. He'**s going to fail** the test.*

Present continuous

- We know that we use the present continuous to talk about something that is happening now, at the moment we are talking, or about something that is happening temporarily.
  *Jason **is doing** his homework now.*
  *My cousins **are staying** with us at the moment.*
- We can also use the present continuous to talk about the future. We use it to talk about things that we have planned to do in the future and we are sure that they will happen.
  *I'**m taking** the advanced English course this year – I've already bought the books.*

Time expressions: *today, this afternoon/evening/week/month/year, tomorrow, tomorrow morning/afternoon/evening/night, next week/month/year, on Wednesday, at the weekend, at seven o'clock, in August, in the future, soon, one day,* etc

3 Circle the correct words.

1. The exam **will probably / probably is going to** be more difficult than we thought.
2. Have you decided where to do your studies yet? Which college **will you / are you going to** go to?
3. It's cold in here. **Are you closing / Will you close** the door, please?
4. I **will call / am calling** you as soon as my class has finished – I promise.
5. Make sure you study for the exam or you **won't / aren't going to** do well!
6. We **are going / will go** to the school play tonight – here are the tickets.
7. Look at all those books Joe is carrying. He **is dropping / is going to drop** them!
8. Here's the plan. My dad **will / is going to** drive us to the library at five.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 **Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the future simple, *be going to* or the present continuous for future. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.**

1 Look at the teacher's red face! She _____ (shout) at us!

2 I'm not sure Stan _____ (go) to a university in England.

3 _____ (you / help) me with my chemistry project, please?

4 Our teacher _____ (take) the whole class to a play tomorrow.
He's already given us our tickets.

5 What are your plans for next year? Which subjects _____ (you / study)?

6 Stop being noisy or I _____ (not let) you leave class early!

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