

THE SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

How to form: **will + infinitive** Short form: will = 'll Negation: **will not = won't**

Key words: **tomorrow, next week (month, year, summer, Monday, weekend...), in 2050...**

Examples: I think I **will meet** her tomorrow.
 I hope he **will be** back before 9.30.
 I think I'll **be** there at five.
 I'm sure she **won't come** to our meeting.

How to use the going to future:

1. It is used to talk about future actions we **can't influence or control**.
2. It is used to foretell future actions or to express **hopes, expectations, fears, offers, promises and refusals**.
Key words: I'm sure, I believe, I expect, I hope, I suppose, I think, I'm afraid, I wonder, I fear, I worry, I promise, I guess or perhaps, possibly, surely, probably, maybe
3. It is used with I / we for **spontaneous reactions or making promises**.

THE “GOING TO” FUTURE

How to form: **form of to be + going to + infinitive**

Examples: I **am going to play** football with my friends.
 He **is going to finish** his homework in the evening.
 She **is going to travel** to New Zealand.
 We **are going to meet** our friends in the park.
 They **are going to give** a party next Saturday.

How to use the going to future:

1. It is used to talk about future things you **intend to do, plan or decided to do**.
Example: Did you know that Sarah is in hospital?
 Yes, I'm **going to visit** her next month. (planned action »»» going to - future)
2. It is used to **foretell future actions for which we have proofs that they are going to happen**.

THE “GOING TO” FUTURE 1

Fill in the “going to” future tense. Use the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ him tomorrow. (meet)
2. They _____ to Dublin. (drive)
3. He _____ to the football match. (go)
4. They promised that it _____ tomorrow. (not rain)
5. She _____ her aunt. (visit)
6. We _____ a test. (write)
7. They _____ them tea. (offer)
8. We have decided that we _____ dinner at a restaurant. (not have)
9. My friends _____ their holidays in Wales. (spend)
10. My uncle _____ a birthday present for Harry. (buy)
11. I _____ the rabbits. (feed)
12. I studied a lot for the exam. I _____. (not fail)
13. My father _____ his car. (wash)
14. Tom _____ you with the homework. (help)
15. There _____ a meeting at our school. (be)
16. He _____ us in English next year. (not teach)
17. Winter holidays _____ in the first week of February. (be)
18. I _____ it for you. (repair)
19. They _____ Japanese. (learn)
20. Eva told me that she _____ him anymore. (not date)