Grammar future forms review

will

One moment, I'll just adjust my microphone.

It will be a bad thing for the planet if all those people start eating meat and driving big cars.

The population will probably peak at around 9 billion by the middle of the century.

going to

I'm not going to speak for too long.

Those of you who have come here looking for answers are going to be disappointed.

about to

Science is about to step in again with nanotechnology solutions.

Present continuous

I'm speaking to a government committee tomorrow.

Present simple

Oh, by the way, one more thing: the necessity train arrives in half an hour.

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8 Look at the grammar box. Match the verb forms (1–5) with their uses (a–i). Some verb forms have more than one use.

1 *will*   4 present continuous
2 *going to*   5 present simple
3 *about to*

a a scheduled or timetabled event
b a future event in an *if* or *when* clause
c a prediction
d a confident prediction based on present information
e a decision made at the time of speaking
f an intention or previously made decision
g a formal arrangement
h a simple statement of fact
i an event in the immediate future

1.21 Complete the radio news headlines about overpopulation using an appropriate future form. Then listen and check.

1 World leaders _____ (meet) in Geneva tomorrow to discuss the issue of overpopulation.
2 In the next few weeks, the government _____ (introduce) a fee for each child that couples have after their first two children.
3 Scientists say that space colonies _____ (be) the only solution for overpopulation in the medium term.
4 Doctors have said that in future they _____ (not / spend) so much effort keeping the old alive.
5 The government _____ (launch) a new education programme later today to encourage women to have fewer children.
6 People _____ (have to) change their lifestyles if they _____ (want) the world's resources to support the growing population in the coming years.