

Ways of talking about the future

Reading

CITY OF THE FUTURE

Thousands of people in Abu Dhabi in the U.A.E. (United Arab Emirates) are moving to a new city soon. The government has started building a carbon-neutral city, and on completion in 2025, it will have approximately 50,000 residents. The city is going to function entirely on solar wind, and hydrogen power. There won't be any gasoline powered cars in Masdar; people will travel on electric trains. Some people might also have small electric cars that run on tracks. Several countries are starting to build eco-cities or communities, and some will be finishing them in the last year of this decade, but Masdar City may be the first completely carbon-neutral city.



Function

Complete the rules with the words from the box. Then complete the examples with words from the text.

future progressive / going to / may, might or will / present progressive

Function	Example
Use (1) _____ to make predictions about the future.	... it (5) _____ approximately 50,000 residents. Masdar City (6) _____ the first completely carbon neutral city.
Use (2) _____ to make predictions about the future and to talk about intentions.	The city (7) _____ function entirely on solar, wind and hydrogen power.
Use (3) _____ to talk about fixed arrangements and plans.	Thousands of people in the U. A. E. (8) _____ to a new city soon.
Use (4) _____ to talk about events in progress at a particular time in the future.	... some (9) _____ them in the last year of this decade.

The future progressive is formed: *will/won't/may/might + be + -ing form*.

It can be used with *(by) this time tomorrow/next week, etc., and when*.

By this time next year, me may be living in Masdar City.
I will be waiting for you when you arrive in Abu Dhabi.

Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EN0knSFWIBQ&ab_channel=MindBlowingTech

Practice

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences

1. By July, I'm working / I will be working **in the new office downtown.**
2. I'm going to / I'll go **on vacation on Friday. Can you drive me to the airport, please?**
3. I think **Tom will visit / is visiting Dan when he's in New York.**
4. **This time next month, we are getting ready / will be getting ready to move to Perth.**
5. I might be working / might work **when you call, so wait for me to answer.**
6. **Heather will fly / is flying to Berlin on Monday.**
7. **The new city will look / will be looking very impressive.**
8. **By this time tomorrow, I'll drive / I'll be driving down to Buenos Aires.**

Extra: Write two texts talking the future. Answer the questions and use the forms seen.

1. How do you think life will be in the future?



2. How do you think your life will be after you graduate from college?

