

GRAMMAR 2 FUTURE TIME

1 Complete each sentence using the cues in brackets.

- 1 In twenty-four hours' time (I/relax) ... *I will be relaxing* on my yacht.
- 2 'There's someone at the door.' 'That (be) the postman.'
- 3 By the time you get back Harry (leave)
- 4 It's only a short trip. I (be) back in an hour.
- 5 What (you/do) this Saturday evening? Would you like to go out?
- 6 By the end of the week we (decide) what to do.
- 7 It (not/be) long before Doctor Smith is here.
- 8 We'll go to the park when you (finish) your tea.
- 9 It's very hot in here. I think I (faint)
- 10 What (you/give) Ann for her birthday? Have you decided yet?

2 Underline the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

In July Gordon (1) *will be/will have been* at his company for 30 years and (2) *he's finally retiring/he'll finally retire* on his 65th birthday. We've decided to have a long holiday and (3) *we're going to take/we'll take* the opportunity to visit some old friends in Hungary, and then travel around in that region. (4) *We leave/We'll be leaving* towards the end of August, and our aim is to visit as many countries as we can. (5) *We're flying/We'll fly* to Budapest on the 25th and then (6) *we stop over/we'll be stopping over* with our friends – they've got a house on Lake Balaton. (7) *We'll have spent/We'll probably spend* a couple of weeks in Hungary and travel around. After that (8) *we're thinking/we'll think of* going to Romania, but we haven't planned anything definite. (9) *We'll know/we'll have known* a bit more this weekend when (10) *we'll research/we'll be researching* the whole thing on the Internet. We'd like to go on from there to Bulgaria or Ukraine, but I doubt whether (11) *we'll have/we're having* time. Money could be a problem too – I hope the whole trip (12) *won't be/won't have been* too expensive. From now on (13) *we are really having to/we'll really have to* save as much as we can. We're really looking forward to it – I can hardly wait! Just think, in just over two months' time (14) *we'll be travelling/we'll have travelled* around Europe like a couple of old hippies! When we come back, (15) *you aren't recognizing us/you won't recognize us*!

ADVANCED LANGUAGE PRACTICE

3 Read each sentence and decide which ending (A, B or C) best fits each space.

- 1 Paula's flight is bound to be late although
A it arrives at 6.00. B it's due at 6.00. C it's arriving at six.
- 2 According to the latest forecast, the tunnel
A will be finished next year. B will have been finished next year.
C is finishing next year.
- 3 It's no use phoning Bob at the office, he
A will be leaving. B is leaving. C will have left.
- 4 Everyone says that this year City
A are going to win the Cup. B are winning the Cup. C win the Cup.
- 5 I don't feel like visiting my relatives this year so
A I won't go. B I'm not going. C I don't go.
- 6 You can borrow this calculator, I
A am not going to need it. B won't have been needing it.
C am not needing it.
- 7 I'm sorry dinner isn't ready yet, but it
A is going to be ready in a minute. B will have been ready in a minute.
C will be ready in a minute.
- 8 Can you send me the results as soon as you
A hear anything? B are hearing anything? C will have heard anything?
- 9 You can try asking Martin for help but
A it won't do you any good. B it's not doing you any good.
C it won't be doing you any good.
- 10 Don't worry about the mistake you made, nobody
A is noticing. B will notice. C will be noticing.

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

- 1 I don't suppose you have heard the news.

won't

You *won't have heard* the news.

- 2 The Prime Minister expects an easy victory for his party in the election.

believes

The Prime Minister the election easily.

- 3 I've been in this company for almost three years.

will

By the end of the month in this company for three years.

- 4 This book will take me two years to write.

have

In two years this book.

- 5 Scientists are on the point of making a vital breakthrough.

about

Scientists are a vital breakthrough.

- 6 Maria is pregnant again.

have

Maria is baby.

- 7 I'll be home late.

until

I late.

- 8 No one knows what the result of the match is going to be.

who

No one knows the match.

- 9 Don't worry; David won't be late.

here

Don't worry; David time.

- 10 Mary and Alan's wedding is next weekend.

getting

Mary and Alan next weekend.