

## 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.