

Perseverance – the Mars rover – part 3

Copy the numbers from the blue boxes into the green ones to match the verb tenses to their uses. Then choose the correct verb tenses to complete the text (sometimes more than one tense is possible).

1	Future simple: WILL + V _{-ing}
2	"GOING TO" future: AM / IS / ARE + GOING TO + V _{inf}
3	Present simple: V / V _s
4	Present continuous: AM / IS / ARE + V _{-ing}
5	Future continuous: WILL BE + V _{-ing}
6	Future perfect: WILL HAVE + V _{-en}

	Prediction
	Immediate definite plans
	Spontaneous decision
	Plan or firm intention
	Future event regulated by a timetable or calendar
	Action in progress in the future
	Finished action in the future
	Prediction based on evidence
	Promise

We do not know yet whether humans _____ on Mars one day, and it is probably too soon to tell, but if the NASA plans go ahead, in all probability a human colony _____ on Mars in the next century, if not in this one.

The next few years _____ crucial for this issue: three Mars rovers _____ simultaneously on the planet. These robots _____ us with an incredible amount of information which _____ scientists make the right decisions concerning the best way to set up a human base on Mars.

By the time the current rovers finish their missions, scientists hope they _____ enough about Mars to avoid all its dangers: toxic soil, radiation exposure, lack of water, cold and isolation.

The issue of water in particular poses a problem: it _____ impossible to send water to Mars as it is sent —four times a year— to the International Space Station, so the inhabitants of Mars _____ to find water on the planet, or _____ under its surface.