

## FUTURE FORMS

**b** Underline the correct verb form(s) in these sentences. (Sometimes two are possible.)

- 1 Computer scientists predict that the new virus *is going to affect/is affecting/will affect* at least two million PCs in the next two days.
- 2 *I may meet/I'm meeting/I'll meet* my girlfriend for dinner tonight. I've booked a table at my favourite restaurant.
- 3 I've decided *I change/I'm going to change/I'm changing* my job.
- 4 **A** I can't get the computer to work.  
**B** Don't worry, *I help/I'll help/I'm helping* you.
- 5 Look out! *You'll hit/You're hitting/You're going to hit* your head, if you're not careful.
- 6 **A** Jane, I think that's your mobile ringing.  
**B** I'm sorry. *I'm going to switch/I'm switching/I'll switch* it off.
- 7 **A** What *are you doing/are you going to do/will you do* tonight?  
**B** I don't know. *I'm going/I'll go/I might go* to the cinema or to a disco.

### Practice

- 17** Put the verbs into the **be going to** future or the **shall/will** future. If both tenses are possible, choose the one that is most appropriate for the context. With the verbs *to go* or *to come* use the present continuous as future instead of the **be going to** future.

Two friends, Jack and David, are talking.

J: Have you decided what you *are going to do* (do) this weekend?

D: Yes, we <sup>2</sup>..... (have) a quiet day on Saturday and then on Sunday we <sup>3</sup>..... (take) a bus up into the mountains and do some walking. And we <sup>4</sup>..... (probably book into) a hotel there for the night. What about you?

<sup>5</sup>..... (you/do) lots of work as usual?

J: Well, no. Mark phoned last night about coming down this weekend.

D: Really?

J: Yes, he <sup>6</sup>..... (come) on Friday.

D: Oh, I'd like to see him. I think I <sup>7</sup>..... (phone him up) tonight and arrange something.

J: Well, we're planning to spend the day on the beach on Saturday. We <sup>8</sup>..... (do) some swimming and sunbathing. I just hope the weather <sup>9</sup>..... (be) warm enough. And then on Saturday night we <sup>10</sup>..... (see) that new film with Tom Cruise.

D: Well, as I've got nothing planned, I <sup>11</sup>..... (join) you at the beach on Saturday then, if that's O.K.

J: Of course it is. I <sup>12</sup>..... (pick you up) from your flat some time after breakfast.

D: Oh thanks. <sup>13</sup>..... (I/bring) a picnic?

J: Yes. Why not? I tell you what: Mark and I <sup>14</sup>..... (make) some sandwiches and <sup>15</sup>..... (you/bring) some salad and fruit?

D: Yes, fine. I <sup>16</sup>..... (do) that. Good. That <sup>17</sup>..... (save) us all the cost of eating out. And what about the film? What time <sup>18</sup>..... (you/see) that?

J: We <sup>19</sup>..... (see) the early showing at 6.00 and then we <sup>20</sup>..... (try out) that new disco in town.

D: Right. Well, I think I <sup>21</sup>..... (spend) the evening at home with Sarah.

J: O.K. So I <sup>22</sup>..... (see) you on Saturday morning, probably at around 10 o'clock.

D: Fine.