

**A** Read this extract from a novel and underline the correct future forms for 1–10.

### *Lynn's Decision*

Steve and Stuart took their coffees to a table at the far end of the café and sat down. Steve spoke first. 'Have you heard that Lynn 1 gives up/is giving up her job next week? She's already handed in her notice and she says that she 2 's going to do/'s doing something more interesting.'

Stuart tutted and sighed with disapproval. 'Well, I 3 'll tell/'m telling you what I think. I think she 4 's regretting/'s going to regret it because she 5 won't get/doesn't get a better job.'

Steve was more sympathetic. 'I don't know about that,' he said. 'She thinks that she 6 's finding/'ll find something she prefers. She reckons it 7 'll be/'s being easy. As a matter of fact, she 8 's going/'ll go somewhere for an interview next week.'

Stuart was not convinced. 'The way things are at the moment, I'm sure it 9 's going to take/'s taking her a long time to get what she wants. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised to find out that she 10 'll look/'s looking six months from now.'

**B** Read this letter and underline the correct future forms for 1–10.

Dear Eddie,

There isn't much news from here except that the local festival 1 starts/will start tomorrow. I 2 'm not taking part/don't take part myself, but some of my friends, who have a group, 3 play/are playing in it.

There 4 's being/'ll be a concert in the square in the evening and that's where they 5 'll be performing/perform. Most of the local people, especially the young ones, 6 go/will be going there and I'm really looking forward to it because I think it 7 's going to be/'s being great fun.

I 8 'm letting/'ll let you know how it went and maybe I 9 'll send/'m going to send you some photos.

I 10 'm writing/'ll write to you again soon,

Claudia

- C** Complete this conversation from a novel by putting the verbs in the correct tenses. There is sometimes more than one correct answer.



## Meeting Up

Ruth was sitting at her desk trying to sort the problem out when the phone rang. She answered it nervously, expecting more trouble.

'Hi, it's Pete,' a friendly voice said. She was relieved. 'Listen, 1 ..... (you do) anything tonight?' he asked.

'Yeah,' she said, trying to focus on her social life, 'I 2 ..... (meet) some friends in a bar after work.'

'Well, what about one evening next week? We haven't seen each other for weeks,' said Pete. She reached for her diary. 'Hang on a minute. I 3 ..... (look) in my diary.' She turned some pages, had a quick look and then said, 'Well, I 4 ..... (not be able to) see you on Monday because I've got a meeting that always 5 ..... (go on) until quite late.'

'Well, what about after the meeting? Say, around 8.30?'

'I'm afraid not,' said Ruth. 'At 8.30 I 6 ..... (sit) in traffic on my way home from the meeting. It's out of town and it usually 7 ..... (not end) until after 8.'

'OK, what about Tuesday?'

'Well, you 8 ..... (not believe) this, but I've taken up fitness training and the classes are on Tuesday evenings. You see, I've decided that I 9 ..... (start) getting fit.'

'Good for you,' said Pete. 'So, is Wednesday any good?'

'Let me see,' she said, looking at her diary again. 'Well, I 10 ..... (see) a client from 2 till 5 but I 11 ..... (not do) anything after that. 12 ..... (we fix up) something for Wednesday, then?'

'At last!' said Pete, laughing. '13 ..... (we meet) in The Shangri-La at 7?'

'Fine,' said Ruth. 'I 14 ..... (see) you there.'





**D** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using *was/were going to*, *be about to*, *be on the point of*, *be + infinitive with to*, or *be due to* and including the word in bold.

- 1 According to the timetable, their plane arrives at 4.55.  
**due**  
Their plane ..... at 4.55.
- 2 The programme you want to watch starts in one minute, so come in and sit down.  
**about**  
The programme you want to watch ..... , so come in and sit down.
- 3 The annual meeting will be held next month.  
**is**  
The annual meeting ..... next month.
- 4 My intention was to phone you last night but I forgot.  
**going**  
I ..... you last night but I forgot.
- 5 On the instructions it says that you should call this number if the computer stops working.  
**are**  
On the instructions, it says that ..... this number if the computer stops working.
- 6 If you'll listen to me, I'm going to explain what happened in a few seconds.  
**just**  
If you'll listen to me, ..... explain what happened.
- 7 They had arranged to get married last month but they had to cancel it.  
**going**  
They ..... married last month but they had to cancel it.
- 8 This bill should have been paid two weeks ago.  
**due**  
This bill ..... two weeks ago.
- 9 He didn't know at the time that it would be his last visit to the place.  
**was**  
He didn't know at the time that ..... his last visit to the place.
- 10 I thought that he would lose his temper in a few seconds.  
**about**  
I thought that ..... his temper.
- 11 He regretted his decision years later.  
**was**  
Years later, ..... his decision.
- 12 If he hadn't arrived at that moment, I would have gone home a few seconds later.  
**point**  
I was ..... home when he arrived.

**A** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given.

- 1 Make up your mind and then tell me what your decision is.

**once**

Tell me what your decision is ..... your mind.

- 2 The judges will hear all the evidence and then they will decide.

**after**

The judges will decide ..... all the evidence.

- 3 Answer all the questions and then check your answers.

**before**

Don't check your answers ..... all the questions.

- 4 I'm going to her party next week but I won't see her before then.

**until**

I ..... I go to her party next week.

- 5 I made sure she wasn't badly injured and then I called a doctor.

**after**

I called a doctor ..... she wasn't badly injured.

- 6 I'm going to think about this carefully and then give an opinion.

**before**

I won't give an opinion ..... about this carefully.

- 7 I'm going to save enough money and then I'll be able to have a holiday.

**until**

I won't be able to have a holiday ..... enough money.

- 8 He said that he had worked extremely hard and he hoped he would be successful.

**after**

He said that ..... , he hoped that he would be successful.

- 9 She spoke to me and then I found out that she had an accent.

**until**

I didn't find out that she had ..... to me.

- 10 The train was still moving when he opened the door.

**before**

He opened the door ..... moving.

**B** Decide whether these sentences are correct or not. Correct those which are incorrect.

- 1 I had something to eat and then I began to feel better. ....
- 2 When he told me the truth, I was amazed. ....
- 3 After going to bed, the phone rang and I had to get up again. ....
- 4 Guests must return room keys before leaving the hotel. ....
- 5 He had a shock afterwards he was upset for a long time. ....
- 6 I couldn't get the job I wanted until I had gained more experience. ....
- 7 Think about your own faults before criticizing other people. ....
- 8 I posted the form and after I realized that I hadn't filled it in properly. ....
- 9 I knew it was a mistake immediately I'd said it. ....
- 10 I ran out of the room the moment I hear a noise outside. ....
- 11 After listening to what he had to say, I realized that he was right. ....
- 12 The boss was nice to me and after that I felt better about the job. ....

**C** Join these pairs of sentences using the word(s) given to begin the sentence.

- 1 You're going to see Alan tonight. Give him my regards.  
When .....
- 2 I'm going to tell you this secret. Then you're going to be upset.  
After .....
- 3 He dressed and shaved. Then he went out.  
After .....
- 4 You're going to meet her. You'll find out how nice she is.  
As soon as .....
- 5 They're going to visit me. They're going to phone me first.  
Before .....
- 6 I'm going to the bank. Then I'm going to the supermarket.  
When .....
- 7 She rang to say goodbye. Then she left the country.  
Before .....
- 8 I finished all my work. Then I went home.  
When .....