Unit 5: Exercise 6

Read the sentences and look at the future forms in bold. Why is the future used? Match the explanations in the box with the sentences.

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We often use *going to* to make predictions based on evidence.

We often use *going to* to talk about plans that we made earlier.

We often use the present continuous to talk about fixed arrangements for future dates / times.

We often use *will* to make decisions while we're speaking.

We often use *will* to make predictions based on our own opinions.

We often use *will* to make promises and offers to help somebody.

1 **A:** My company's trying to recruit a new IT manager at the moment.

B: Really? OK, so maybe I**'ll apply**.

2 Thanks for coming for an interview. We**'ll contact** you in the next few days to tell you our decision.

3 **A:** Why are you updating your CV?

B: Because I**'m going to apply** for a new job.

4 My boss **is retiring** at the end of this month.

5 They**'ll probably offer** the job to someone else. I've got a bad feeling about it.

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6 Everyone knows they've got too many employees, so they'**re probably going to lose** a lot of people.

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