

DO IT YOURSELF Are these rules correct (✓) or not (x)? (Four of rules 1–7 are correct.)

- ▶ We often use present forms for the future. ✓
- ▶ We often use past forms for the future. x
- 1 We often use *be going to* for the future.
- 2 We often use the present progressive for the future.
- 3 We often use the simple present for promises.
- 4 We often use the simple present when we decide things.
- 5 We often use the simple present when we talk about timetables.
- 6 We use present forms mostly when we can see the future in the present.
- 7 We never use *will* for predictions.

Present or future verbs? Circle the best form.

- ▶ Here's the builder's estimate. It *will cost* / *is going to cost* £7,000 to repair the roof.
- ▶ I think it *will cost* / *is going to cost* about £3,000 to rebuild the garage.
- 1 *It will rain* / *It's going to rain* – look at those clouds.
- 2 If it gets any colder, *it will snow* / *it's going to snow*.
- 3 Alice *will have* / *is going to have* a baby.
- 4 With a bit of luck, the baby *will have* / *is going to have* Alice's eyes.
- 5 *I will play* / *I'm playing* tennis with Stan on Sunday.
- 6 *He'll win* / *He's winning* tomorrow. He always does.
- 7 Don't tell her. *She'll tell* / *She's going to tell* everybody else.
- 8 'What's wrong?' 'The car *won't start* / *isn't going to start*.'
- 9 One day everybody *will have* / *is going to have* proper housing.
- 10 *She'll get married* / *She's getting married* on Friday at the local church.

Mixed structures. Complete the sentences with the structures in the box.

will be ...ing will have ...ed will have been ...ing am/are/is to ... was/were going to ... would ...
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- 1 This time tomorrow I in the mountains. (*walk*)
- 2 I the painting by tomorrow night. (*finish*)
- 3 Children, you to bed NOW! (*go*)
- 4 Next summer I medicine for six years. (*study*)
- 5 I was surprised when Ann told us she and Bill married on Sunday. (*get*)
- 6 The President and his wife Ireland next month. (*visit*)
- 7 We could see that it (*rain*)
- 8 I didn't lend him money, because I knew that he it back. (*not pay*)
- 9 this evening? (*you go out*)
- 10 We'll start at 6 o'clock; I think everybody by then. (*arrive*)

Correct the mistakes, or write 'Correct'.

- ▶ I'll ~~seeing~~ you tomorrow. *see*
- ▶ We're having drinks with Phil this evening. *Correct.*
- 1 Mary will have a baby.
- 2 Tomorrow will be warm and sunny.
- 3 I promise I pay you tomorrow.
- 4 The President arrives in London on Monday.
- 5 I going to get up early tomorrow.
- 6 'I've lost my keys.' 'I find them for you.'
- 7 I think it's raining this evening.
- 8 Look out! You fall!
- 9 Are you going to write to Patrick?
- 10 Who's cooking this evening?

Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 I hope your exam goes well. I of you. (*will be thinking, will have been thinking, am to think*)
- 2 When I finish this job I on it for two years. (*am to work, will have been working, will be working*)
- 3 Tell the children they their room. (*will be tidying, would tidy, are to tidy*)
- 4 I hope by next summer I enough money for a holiday. (*will save, will be saving, will have saved*)
- 5 So this was the man that I work for. I didn't like the look of him. (*would be to, am going to, was going to*)
- 6 The Prime Minister the new hospital next month. (*is to open, will have opened, has opened*)
- 7 I didn't go to Pete's party, because I knew that I it. (*didn't enjoy, wouldn't enjoy, wasn't to enjoy*)
- 8 I saw Carola last year. She thought she to America, but I don't know if she went. (*would go, would have gone, had gone*)
- 9 What time up tomorrow? (*will you have got, will you be getting, are you to get*)
- 10 'Is my car ready?' 'No, but we by this evening.' (*have finished, would finish, will have finished*)