BASIC FUTURE FORMS PRACTICE

WILL+DO

To make predictions, to say what we believe will happen in the future. Typically used with expressions such as:
I think, I believe, I guess, I bet, I'm sure, I'm afraid, I suppose, I hope
or *probably, perhaps, possibly, definitely, certainly*, etc.**)**

- ***I'm afraid I won't be able to come to your party.***
- ***I'm sure he'll pass the exam. He's been studying really hard in the past weeks.***
- ***I don't think he'll help us with this task.***
- ***I'll probably be at school early tomorrow morning.***

For decisions that we make spontaneously, at the time when we are speaking.

- ***I need some more carrots to finish the dish. Fine, I'll go and buy some right away.***
- ***The phone is ringing. I'll answer it.***

To make an offer: ***I'll help you with your project.***
To make a promise: ***I promise I'll be on time tomorrow.***
To make a request: ***Will you close the window, please? Getting too cold in here.***
To make a warning: ***Watch out! The sidewalk's pretty slippery.***
To talk about something that will happen in the future for sure because it is inevitable - we cannot change or control it:

- ***The sun will set at 7.45 tomorrow evening.***
- ***The temperatures will go up at the beginning of the week.***

BE+GOING+TO DO

To refer to future plans, ambitions, wishes, hopes, etc., generally speaking to something that we intend to do in the future.

- ***We're going to buy a new car next month.***

To refer to something we know will happen in the future because there is something in the present that shows us this, we see/have an evidence/indication.

- ***Look at those clouds. It's going to rain.***

PRESENT CONTINUOUS (BE+DOING)

To talk about what we have already arranged to do.

- ***What are you doing tonight? I'm going to the theatre with Jenny.***
- ***Are you playing basketball tomorrow?***

More than one person is probably aware of the arrangement and some preparation has already been done.

- ***I'm meeting Jack at the airport at 5 (***both Jack and I have discussed this).
- ***I'm flying from Gatwick tomorrow***. (I've already bought my plane ticket).

The time expression referring to the near future is usually used.

- ***She is playing in the concert tonight.***
- ***We are meeting her after the performance.***

PRESENT SIMPLE (DO/DOES)

To talk about future events that are fixed to schedules, programmes, calendars, etc.

- ***Joe's travelling to Paris tonight. His train leaves at 7 a.m.***
- ***What time does "America's Idol" start tonight?***

Choose the correct option.

1. You'd better take your umbrella with you. Look, it **will rain / is going to rain** soon.
2. He **stays / 'll probably stay** with us until next weekend.
3. Pamela **'s going to be / will be** 18 next Sunday.
4. They **'re going to get / 'll get** a new dishwasher as their old one has broken down.
5. I believe your mum **will love / is loving** this record. She loves Frankie Sinatra.
6. John's older sister **will have / is going to have** a baby soon.
7. Just a second, **I 'll put my jacket on / 'm going to put my jacket on** and help you with the box.
8. In 2030 people **are buying / will buy** a lot more electric cars than these days.
9. Can you turn on the TV, please? My favourite programme **starts / is starting** in a minute.
10. We need to hurry up. It **'s going to start / 's starting** snowing soon.
11. A: Why are you looking for a pen and paper?
    B: I **'m going to write / 'll write** a letter to my grandma in the States.
12. I'm sure they **discover / 'll discover** a cure for AIDS very soon.
13. Mike **won't probably come / aren't probably coming** today – his kid is ill.
14. A: Oh, I'm about to fall asleep. I need to stay awake and work!
    B: I **'ll get / 'm getting** you a cup of coffee then. That will wake you up.
15. We **'re going to visit / 'll visit** London and Oxford during our holiday in England.
16. I think **he 'll become / 's going to become** the next President of the United States.
17. She **'ll study / 's going to study** medicine at university. She's always wanted to be a doctor.
18. When **does the plane land / is the plane landing** at Heathrow airport?
19. I hope the weather **'s going to be / will be** lovely on our tomorrow's trip to Athens.
20. James was offered a great job yesterday. Do you think he **will take / takes** it?
21. What **are you doing / will you do** on Saturday evening? I'm going to support our local soccer team.
22. How many people **do you invite / are going to invite** to the party?
23. I **'ll have / 'm having** an appointment at the dentist at 10:30 tomorrow morning.
24. We **definitely won't be / definitely aren't going to be** able to keep this apartment.
25. My last lesson **is going to finish / finishes** at 2 p.m., so could you pick up after that?