

## Language at work | will / going to / present continuous



1 38> Listen to a customer phoning a supplier about a delivery and complete the information on the message pad below.

Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Consulting

Order number: \_\_\_\_\_

Original delivery date: \_\_\_\_\_

New delivery date: \_\_\_\_\_

Action: change delivery date to \_\_\_\_\_

2 Read these sentences from the phone conversation and complete the rules about future verb forms.

a We're going to deliver the cards next Thursday morning.  
b We're attending the company conference in Toronto on 5th March.  
c As soon as I've spoken to him, I'll call you back.

1 Use \_\_\_\_\_ to make a decision at the moment of speaking.

*Example:* \_\_\_\_\_

2 Use \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about a plan that's already decided.

*Example:* \_\_\_\_\_

3 Use \_\_\_\_\_ for an arrangement with a fixed time or place.  
(You can often use *going to* here instead.)

*Example:* \_\_\_\_\_

3 Match sentences 1–6 to responses a–f. Then put the verbs in brackets in a–f into the correct form.

1 Do you have any plans for the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

2 I'm afraid I can't answer your question. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Have you decided what to do about the new sales post? \_\_\_\_\_

4 Can you stay a bit later tomorrow night? \_\_\_\_\_

5 I can't come to the meeting in the morning. \_\_\_\_\_

6 Have you thought about how to get to your new job? \_\_\_\_\_

a OK. I \_\_\_\_\_ (change) it to the afternoon.

b No, sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) some friends for a drink.

c Yes, I have. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a car.

d Yes, it's my birthday and I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party. Do you want to come?

e Don't worry. I \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) someone else.

f We \_\_\_\_\_ (advertise) in the national newspapers.