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LANGUAGE FOCUS • Future forms

Study the grammar table and rules. Then do the tasks.

Present simple

The sale starts at 9.30 on Thursday.

The shop ¹ doesn't open until 11.00 on Sundays.

Present continuous

He ² 's renting a flat in the town centre from next week.

I ³ 'm not waiting at home for that delivery this afternoon.

will

We ⁴ 'll pay for dinner tonight.

Consumers ⁵ won't drive to supermarkets in the year 2030.

going to

I ⁶ 'm going to buy a new T-shirt and jacket.

We ⁷ aren't going to shop here.

Future continuous

Don't phone Patricia at 7.00. She ⁸ 'll be watching that new TV series about marketing.

This time next year, my friends ⁹ won't be working in this shop.

RULES

- 1 We use this form when we plan or intend to do something in the future, but there isn't an exact date or time yet. going to
- 2 We use this form when we have organized something and there is an exact date or time. present continuous
- 3 We use this form for things which have a fixed timetable. present simple
- 4 We use this when we make a prediction about the future. will
- 5 We use this form when we talk about an action which will be in progress sometime in the future. future continuous

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Task 1. Choose and tick the correct meaning.

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| <p>1 The shop opens at nine o'clock.
a This is my prediction.
b This is part of a regular timetable.</p> <p>2 This time next week I'll be doing my exam.
a My exam will be in progress at this time.
b My exam will be finished at this time.</p> <p>3 Machines will do most jobs in the future.
a This is a plan or intention for the future.
b This is a prediction about the future.</p> | <p>4 I'm meeting some friends this evening.
a This is my intention, but I haven't organized it yet.
b This is something I have already organized and arranged.</p> <p>5 I'm going to work hard next term.
a This is my plan or intention.
b This is my prediction.</p> |
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Task 2. Choose the correct words to complete the dialogue.

- Becky Bye, Mum. See you later. ¹I'm meeting/ I'll meet Grace for lunch at 2.00 p.m.
- Mum Where ²will you have/ are you having lunch?
- Becky At Richy's café. Why?
- Mum Oh, because I'm ³leaving/ going to leave for my dentist's appointment in half an hour. I can drive you to town if you want.
- Becky Ah no, it's OK, thanks, Mum. I'm sure ⁴you'll leave/ you're leaving late, as always.
- Mum Hmm. Have you got any plans for the afternoon? Are you ⁵going to buy/ buying anything?
- Becky Maybe ⁶we'll go/ we're going window shopping. Why not meet us later? If you're in town around 6.00 p.m., ⁷we'll be having/ we have a pizza in the place near the cinema.
- Mum OK, great.
- Becky Right. I'm going – my bus ⁸will leave/ leaves in two minutes. Bye!

3 ★★ Write sentences using the future form in brackets.

I / get / some new jeans on Friday (*going to*)

I'm going to get some new jeans on Friday.

1 in the future, / people / not go to shops (*will*)

2 our bus / arrive / at 8.00 tonight (present simple)

3 Jo / buy / a bike today (present continuous)

4 this time on Tuesday, / Laura / fly to Milan
(future continuous)

4 ★★ Choose the correct words in the email.

To: mtntaylor@mailme.co.ukSubject: Sales tomorrow?

Hi Martin,
What **will you do** / **are you doing** / **do you do** tomorrow morning? Do you want to come shopping? I've heard that there's a sale at that big sports shop in town. Everybody says they **'ll have** / **'ll be having** / **'re having** amazing offers. I've already decided that I **'ll buy** / **buy** / **'m going to buy** a new pair of trainers.
The shop **opens** / **opening** / **'ll open** at 9.00. I think it **'s being** / **'ll be being** / **'ll be** busy tomorrow so we have to arrive on time! Jake **'s coming** / **comes** / **'ll come** too. He says that he **waits** / **'s waiting** / **'ll be waiting** for us outside the shop at exactly 9.00, but he's always late! 😊
Anyway, I **call** / **'ll call** / **'m calling** you later and we **'ll talk** / **talk** / **'re talking** about it.
Ivan