

Talking about the future

Complete the different uses for the future tense.

intentions and plans

at the time we are speaking.

outside information.

future arrangements.

offers.

schedules and timetabled events.

our personal ideas and opinions.

We use **will**:

- To talk about things we think are going to happen, based on (1) _____.
Ex: Perhaps we **will use** e-books for all our studies in the future
- To make (2) _____.
Ex: I'll **help** you with your homework.
- For unplanned decisions that we make (3) _____.
Ex: I feel tired. I think I'll **go** home now.

We use **going to**:

- To talk about (4) _____ for the future that haven't been arranged or agreed yet.
Ex: I'm **going to visit** my friend in Turkey sometime next year.
- To talk about things we expect to happen because of (5) _____.
Ex: It's **going to rain** soon. (There are big grey clouds)

We use the **present continuous**:

- For (6) _____. These are activities that we've agreed to do with other people. We know the details such as when, where, etc.
Ex: I'm **playing** in a football match on Saturday.

We use the **present simple**:

- For (7) _____.
Ex: The film **finishes** at 9:30 p.m.