

Future

Choose

be going to, will, present continuous and present simple for future

- 1- We use **be going to** to talk about plans and arrangements for the future, i.e. things that we have already decided to do in the future.

They've decided that they _____ fly to Dublin.

- 2- We can also use **be going to** to make predictions about the future, particularly when we have evidence for the prediction.

The sun is up already. I think it _____ be hot today.

- 3- We use **will** and **won't** to make general predictions about the future. We often use *think, hope, expect, imagine*, etc. with will and won't to show that our prediction is based on thoughts, opinions and expectations.

I think humans _____ land on Mars one day.

- 4- We also use **will** and **won't** for decisions made at the moment of speaking, for example when we suddenly offer to do something for someone.

A: I can't answer the phone. My hands are wet.

B: I _____ it for you.

5- We use **will** and **won't** to talk about the future when we consider it to be a future fact.

Next week it _____ my birthday.

6- We use the **present continuous** to talk about plans and arrangements that have been confirmed.

Tomorrow I _____ my first job interview. They called me for the interview last week.

7- We use the **present simple** with time expressions like *when, as soon as, by the time, until, after* and *before*. We cannot use will with these time expressions.

When I _____ to university, I'll study chemistry.

8- We can also use the **present simple** to talk about the future when the action is part of a timetable or routine.

Tomorrow I _____ my English class

Future continuous (will/won't + be + verb-ing)

We use the **future continuous** to talk about activities in progress at a particular moment in the future. The activities are in progress and so they are unfinished.

At this time tomorrow, he _____ to the US.

Future perfect simple (will/ won't + have + past participle)



We use the future continuous to talk about activities that will be finished by a certain time in the future. We often use the preposition by with the future perfect simple. It means 'some time before'

I _____ to bed by midnight.

Future perfect continuous (will/won't + have been + verb-ing)



We use the future perfect continuous to talk about how long an activity has been in progress before a particular moment in the future. We often use the preposition by with the future perfect continuous. It means 'at that point'.

By 8 pm I _____ history for five hours.