

(18) FUTURE FORMS

ACTIVITY 1: Read the texts and match the situations 1-4 with the highlighted examples in the article. Then match 1-4 with the forms a-d.

Here comes the summer!			
Three people tell us about their plans for some special trips this summer.	Are you going somewhere this summer? If so, when and who with?	What are you going to do?	What do you think you'll learn?
 Beth Riley	I'm going to the Rocky Mountains with a group to do a climbing course. The minibus leaves tomorrow at 7 a.m. – I can't wait!	If everything goes to plan, I'm going to do some serious climbing. I'm going to take a LOT of pictures, so you'll see it all.	I'm sure I'll become a better climber! It'll be great to see the scenery in the Rockies and learn about the wildlife, too.
 Jason Harte	I'm going to Spain with my class as part of a language exchange. We're leaving on Tuesday. Unfortunately, our plane arrives at 2 in the morning!	I'm going to speak Spanish as much as possible. That should be easy, because I'm going to stay with a Spanish family. I'm also going to try to be adventurous with the food!	Besides learning the language, we'll learn how people live in Spain. We'll visit lots of monuments, museums, and galleries, so I'll learn about history, too.
 Alyssa Clarke	I'm going to Jamaica next week with my mom. My grandparents are meeting us at the airport.	I'm going to stay with relatives I've never met before, and they're going to show us what Jamaica's really like. According to my mom, I'm going to eat lots of great food, too!	I'm sure I'll find out more about my roots and my family's past. I hope I'll learn a little Jamaican creole too, because everyone there speaks it.

1. an event arranged or organized for a future date. _____
2. a future event in a schedule _____
3. a prediction based on current information _____
4. a plan to do something _____

- a) Simple Present
- b) Present Continuous

- c) (be) going to + verb
- d) will + verb

ACTIVITY 2: Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. Sometimes both answers are possible.

1. **A** Why are you buying so many bananas?
B Because **I'm going to** / **I'll** make a banana cake.
2. **A** Do you want to come to a music festival in May?
B Maybe. I'm not sure what we **do** / **are doing** in May.
3. **A** Excuse me, what time **does the museum close** / **is the museum going to close**?
4. I'm **definitely not** / **not definitely** going to ask anyone for help.
5. I've decided **I'm not going to eat** / **I don't eat** any candy for a week!
6. Philip likes soccer so he **probably will** / **will probably** watch the game with us on Saturday.
7. Claire **won't** / **is going to** want to watch this - she hates horror movies.
8. **A** Oh no! It's ten o'clock! **I'm meeting** / **I'll meet** my friends at quarter past ten and our bus **will leave** / **leaves** at ten twenty. I'm **being** / **going to be** late!
B Your friends **won't** / **don't** leave without you.

ACTIVITY 3: Personal questions. Write sentences about these things. Use your own ideas.

1. An arrangement with your friends for this weekend.

2. A plan that you have for the next vacation.

3. A prediction that you have about your own future.

4. The time that something starts or finishes in the future.