

REVIEW OF FUTURE TENSES

PRESENT SIMPLE

- For future timetabled or scheduled events: *Football practice _____ (start) and _____ (finish) at midday.*
- In subordinate clauses which refer to the future and begin with time phrases: *As soon as we _____ (get) back, I'll give you a call.*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- For fixed future arrangements: *I _____ (meet) my sister for lunch tomorrow.*

GOING TO + infinitive

- For intentions, plans or resolutions: *Mike _____ (work) really hard for next year's exams.*
- For making predictions when there is evidence: *It _____ (rain) tonight. Just look at those dark clouds!*

BE TO + infinitive

- To refer to events that are planned to happen in the near future: *Food shops _____ (re-open) on Monday.*
- In an *IF* clause to point out that something must happen before something else can happen: *If we _____ (solve) this problem, we need to act quickly.*

WAS/WERE GOING TO + infinitive

- To refer to a future event as seen from the past: *Tim really believed he _____ (fail) his final exam.*
- In the same way as *would*: *Did you think finding a job _____ (be) / would be easy?*

FUTURE SIMPLE (WILL + infinitive)

- For predictions and expectations: *Hopefully, we _____ (meet) again soon.*
- For future facts and theoretical certainties: *On her next birthday, Ivy _____ (be) seven.*
- For promises, offers and refusals: *I _____ (close) all the windows, if you like.*
- For sudden responses or instant decisions:
A: Oh no! We've run out of milk.
B: Don't panic. I _____ (go) and get some.

FUTURE CONTINUOUS (WILL BE + ing)

- To refer to an action or event which we predict will start before a point of time in the future. The event or action will probably continue after this point: *This time next week, I _____ (start) my new job.*
- To refer to a future arrangement: *We _____ (leave) on the overnight train tomorrow.*

FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE (WILL HAVE + V3)

- To refer to actions or events that will have ended by a point of time in the future: *I _____ (finish) my assignment by the end of this week.*

FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS (WILL HAVE BEEN + ing)

- To refer to an activity in progress at a point in the future: *On 10th May, we _____ (go out) for two years.*
- To stress the duration of the activity: *Soon we _____ (wait) here for over two hours.*