

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*.