

Future Forms

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.



Future Simple (Will)	Be going to	Future Continuous	Future Perfect
decisions taken at the moment of speaking (on-the-spot decisions) <i>It's getting dark, I'll turn on the light.</i>	future plans and intentions <i>Now that they've settled in their new house, they're going to have a party.</i>	actions in progress at a stated future time <i>He'll be sunbathing in Hawaii this time next week.</i>	actions which will have finished before a stated future time <i>She will have come back by the end of July.</i> Note: <i>by</i> or <i>not ... until / till</i> are used with the Future Perfect. <i>Until / till</i> are normally used with the Future Perfect only in negative sentences. <i>She will have finished by 8 o'clock. (NOT: until/till)</i> <i>She won't have finished until 8 o'clock.</i>
hopes, fears, threats, offers, promises, warnings, predictions, requests, comments, etc. especially with: expect, hope, believe, I'm sure, I'm afraid, probably, etc. <i>I'm afraid I'll be a little late.</i>	predictions based on what we can see or what we know, especially when there is evidence <i>Ann is going to have a baby. Look at the dark clouds in the sky! It's going to rain.</i>	actions which are the result of a routine (instead of the Present Continuous) <i>I'll be seeing John tomorrow. (We work in the same office so we'll definitely meet.)</i>	
future predictions based on what we think / imagine will happen <i>They'll probably go shopping on Tuesday. (prediction)</i> facts in the future <i>He will be ten next year.</i>	things we are sure about or we have already decided to do in the near future <i>Max is going to invite his friends to dinner. (He has already decided to do this.)</i>	when we ask politely about people's arrangements to see if they can do sth for us or because we want to offer to do sth for them <i>Will you be going to the supermarket? Can you buy me some tea?</i>	Future Perfect Continuous emphasis on the duration of an action up to a certain time in the future <i>By the end of this year, Sally will have been working here for two years.</i>
things we are not sure about or haven't decided to do yet <i>She'll probably pass the test. (not sure yet)</i>		Present Simple (future meaning) timetables / programmes <i>The plane reaches London at 9:45 pm.</i>	Present Continuous (future meaning) fixed arrangements in the near future <i>Sally is seeing her dentist tomorrow afternoon. (Sally has already made an appointment.)</i>

Time expressions used with:

Will / Be going to / Future Continuous

tomorrow, tonight, next week / month, in two / three, etc. days, the day after tomorrow, soon, in a week / month, etc.

Future Perfect

before, by, by then, by the time, until (is used only in negative sentences with this tense)

Future Perfect Continuous**by ... for** *By the end of next month, she will have been teaching for thirty years.***Shall** is used:

with I/we in questions, suggestions, offers or when asking for advice.

*Shall we play tennis? What shall I do?***Will** is used:to express offers, threats, promises, predictions, warnings, requests, hopes, fears, on-the-spot decisions, comments (mainly with: think, expect, believe, I'm sure, hope, know, suppose and probably). *I hope he'll be on time.***1** Fill in: *will*, *won't* or *shall*.

Mum: Anna! 1) *Will* you please stop making so much noise? I 2) never finish what I'm doing if you aren't quiet.

Anna: But Mum, what 3) I do? If I don't practise, I 4) pass my violin exam tomorrow.

Mum: And I 5) be in trouble at work if I don't finish this report.

Anna: 6) I go to Jessica's house then? She's taking the exam as well and we can practise together.

Mum: That's a great idea. Call me when you've finished and I 7) come and pick you up.

2 Complete the sentences using *will* or *be going to*. Then identify if the situation is a prediction based on what we think or an intention.

1 They *are going to*
play tennis.
..... *intention*



2 I think you
be a great pianist one day.
.....



3 He
send a letter to his friend Ben.
.....



4 Number 2
probably win the race.
.....



5 They
wash the dog.
.....



6 More people
drive electric cars in the future.
.....

3 Match the sentences (1–11) with the correct description (a–k).

- 1 ☐ e Look out! That dog is going to bite you.
- 2 ☐ I'll be flying to Morocco this time tomorrow.
- 3 ☐ She is worried that he'll be angry.
- 4 ☐ By 11 o'clock she'll have been waiting for five hours.
- 5 ☐ The London train arrives at 4:45 pm.
- 6 ☐ I'm seeing my bank manager this morning.
- 7 ☐ When I'm older, I'm going to learn to drive.
- 8 ☐ I think I'll make some tea. Do you want some?
- 9 ☐ He'll have finished by tomorrow afternoon.
- 10 ☐ Will you be going into town today?
- 11 ☐ I think Anna will become a great artist one day.

- a fixed arrangement in the near future
- b action which will be finished before a stated future time
- c timetable
- d fear about the future
- e evidence that something will definitely happen in the near future
- f future intention
- g action in progress at a stated future time
- h emphasis on the duration of an action up to a certain time in the future
- i on-the-spot decision
- j polite enquiry about people's arrangements
- k prediction

4 Fill in the correct future form, then identify the speech situations.



...*Shall I post*... (post)
this letter for you?

1*offer*.....



I
(get) a taxi. The bus is late.

2



Look! He
(fall).

3



.....
(you/use) your car tonight?
Can I borrow it, Dad?

4



I
(finish) by 7 o'clock tonight.

5



Don't come at 6 o'clock this evening. I
(do) my homework.

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5 Fill in: by or until.

- 1 What time will you have finished painting your room? I will have finished*by*..... 7 o'clock, I hope.
- 2 Are you seeing Julie tonight? No, I will have already left the time she gets here.
- 3 Have they built their house yet? No, they won't have built it the end of May.
- 4 Will you have finished your essay tomorrow? No, I won't have finished it Tuesday.
- 5 I'll have been working here for ten years the end of this month.
- 6 I won't have finished the book Friday.