LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Future tenses

1 **Match the verbs in sentences 1–6 with the uses (a–c).**

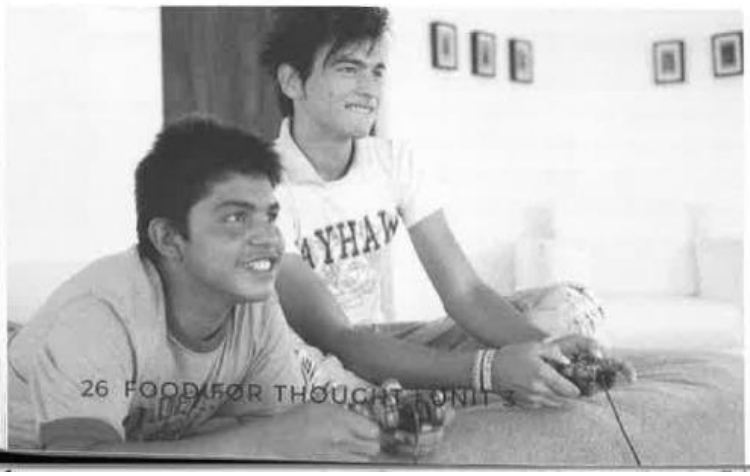
1 We're meeting at six o'clock. [c]
2 The bus leaves at 10 am. [ ]
3 I'm going to study more this year. [ ]
4 Are you and Jack playing tennis tonight? [ ]
5 The restaurant opens at 7 pm. [ ]
6 Zoe's going to try to make lasagna. [ ]

a To talk about future plans and intentions
b To talk about scheduled or timetabled events
c To talk about fixed arrangements in the future

2 **Circle the correct options.**

1 What *do you do* / *are you doing* tonight?
2 The match *starts* / *is starting* in five minutes!
3 My sister *learns* / *is going to learn* to drive next year.
4 We *meet* / *'re meeting* in the park at six o'clock.
5 I *make* / *'m going to make* dinner in a few minutes.
6 Joel *has* / *is going to have* a piano lesson in a few minutes.
7 I *'m getting* / *'m going to get* my green belt in judo this year. It's my big goal for the year.
8 We *go* / *'re going* skateboarding this weekend.

3 **Write about two fixed future arrangements that you have / haven't made and two future intentions that you have / don't have.**



4 **Match the underlined verbs in sentences 1–3 with the uses (a–c).**

1 Those biscuits smell amazing. And I'm sure they're going to taste delicious! [ ]
2 More people will become vegetarians in the future. [ ]
3 I might want some more pizza. Let me finish this first! [ ]

a a future prediction that we don't feel sure about
b a future prediction based on evidence in the present
c a future prediction that we feel sure about

5 **Complete the predictions with *be going to*, *will* or *may/might* and the verbs in the box.**

come	have	love	~~miss~~	not cost	not finish

1 Oh, no! It's 5.59! We *'re going to miss* the six o'clock train!
2 John _____ to the party. Let's wait and see!
3 I'm sure Deborah _____ the present you chose for her. You have great taste.
4 This meal _____ a lot! Prices are cheap!
5 Some experts say that one day everyone in the world _____ enough food to eat.
6 I _____ this book tonight, but I'm going to try.

6 **Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple, present continuous, *be going to*, *will* or *may/might*.**

A I [1]*'m never going to cook* (never / cook) a big meal again!
B Why? It wasn't so bad. And I'm sure your cooking [2]_____ (get) better in the future.
A Hmm … I suppose I [3]_____ (make) some progress.
B Don't be so negative! Anyway, what [4]_____ (you / do) after lunch?
A I [5]_____ (go) to the cinema with Will. The film [6]_____ (start) at 5 pm.

7 **Complete the sentences with your own ideas.**

1 In ten years' time, I might _____.
2 In 100 years, everyone will _____.
3 I might _____.

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