

The Future

A Match the sentences (1–7) to the grammar rules (a–g).

- 1 It's cold today. It'll be winter soon, which means we can go skiing! _____
- 2 I'll carry your backpack for you if you want. It looks heavy. _____
- 3 Watch out! That water bottle is going to fall off the bench. _____
- 4 I think our city's soccer team will probably win the league this year. _____
- 5 We're going to the concert tonight. We bought our tickets weeks ago. _____
- 6 I've just realized the subway is closed, so I'll have to take the bus instead. _____
- 7 I'm not going to go out tonight. I've decided to stay in and read a book. _____

- a Use *be going to* + base verb to talk about future plans you have already made.
- b Use *be going to* + base verb to make predictions based on evidence.
- c Use present continuous to talk about future plans you have already made preparations for.
- d Use *will* + base verb to talk about facts in the future.
- e Use *will* + base verb to make predictions about the future.
- f Use *will* + base verb for things you decide to do in the moment.
- g Use *will* + base verb to make offers and promises.

B Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 A: Do you want to come over for dinner this weekend?
B: Sorry, I can't. *I will go / I'm going* camping.
- 2 A: We're going skydiving this week. Do you want to come?
B: Definitely not! *I'll stay / I'm staying* at home. It's safer!
- 3 A: It will be nice to sleep outside in a tent.
B: The only problem is the sun *is rising / will rise* tomorrow at 5:30 a.m.!
- 4 A: What are your plans for the summer vacation?
B: *We're spending / We'll spend* a week on Réunion Island. We've already made all our travel arrangements. I can't wait!
- 5 A: What's wrong?
B: This travel website is so confusing. *Will you help / Are you going to help* me book my flight?
- 6 A: I can't believe you locked the keys in the car. Now what are we going to do?
B: I'm really sorry. *I'll never make / I'm never going to make* that mistake again.
- 7 A: Oh no, look at this line! *We're going to be / We'll be* here forever.
B: Relax! It's going faster than it looks.
- 8 A: The bakery is already closed. Now what do we do?
B: I've got an idea. *We'll go / We're going to go* to the supermarket outside town. It's open late.
- 9 A: What about meeting up tomorrow afternoon?
B: Sorry, I can't. *I'm helping / I'll help* Juliette move house.
- 10 A: Are you going to try your new mountain bike in the park tomorrow?
B: Unfortunately, I don't think I have time. *Maybe I'll go / I'm going to go* next weekend.