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Grammar

Future forms: *will*, *be going to*, Present Continuous, Present Simple



- 1 What do you do to keep fit?
- 2 27 5.06 Watch or listen and answer the questions.
 - 1 Why is Abe unhappy?
 - 2 What's Bea's suggestion?
 - 3 How easy does Abe find the class?
- 3 Study the sentences from the dialogue in Exercise 2. Match sentences a–f with their functions 1–6.
 - 1 a prediction based on things we already know *e*
 - 2 a future prediction
 - 3 a decision at the moment of speaking
 - 4 a plan based on things we already know
 - 5 an arrangement
 - 6 a timetabled or scheduled event
 - a I need to train or I *won't be able* to finish.
 - b Carla's *coming* round to do our fitness class.
 - c It *starts* in ten minutes.
 - d A: I can't do it!
B: I'll *show* you.
 - e But they say it *is going to rain* all week.
 - f *Are* you really *going to run* five kilometres?
- 4 Study the Grammar box and check your answers to Exercise 3.

GRAMMAR Future forms

We use *will* for predictions or decisions made at the moment of speaking.

I won't finish the race.

Will that help me run five kilometres? Yes, it *will*. I'll *do* it!

We use *be going to* for intentions, plans and predictions based on things we already know.

It's going to snow all week.

Are you really going to study music at university?

We use the Present Continuous for arrangements.

I'm meeting Carla this afternoon.

We use the Present Simple for timetables.

The bus *leaves* in five minutes.

- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Over 200 people *are going to take* (take) part in the 5K charity run.
be going to
- 2 The run (...) (start) at 10 a.m. tomorrow.
Present Simple
- 3 I'm sure I (...) (not win) the race.
will
- 4 What (...) (we/do) after the run?
be going to
- 5 We (...) (have) a picnic in the park.
Present Continuous
- 6 I (...) (bring) some crisps and juice.
will

- 6 5.07 Choose the correct option. Listen and check.

- A: What ¹ *are you doing* / *do you do* tomorrow morning?
- B: I don't know. ² *I / I'll* probably just stay in. Why?
- A: I've decided ³ *I'll / I'm going to* get fit this summer, so ⁴ *I'll take / I'm taking* part in a new fitness class in the park. It's ⁵ *being / going to be* great. Why don't you come?
- B: What time ⁶ *does it / is it going to* start?
- A: ⁷ *It's starting / It starts* at 8 o'clock, but ⁸ *I'll / I'm going to* try to get there ten minutes early.
- B: OK, ⁹ *I'll try / I'm trying* it.
- A: Great! ¹⁰ *I / I'll* see you there!

- 7 Complete the sentences to make them true for you.

- 1 I think I'll ... this evening.
- 2 When I'm fifty, I won't ...
- 3 Next weekend, I'm going to ...
- 4 My best friend is never going to ...
- 5 My football team is playing ...
- 6 This year the school holidays begin ...

- 8 **CHALLENGE** In pairs, use sentences 1–6 in Exercise 7 to say true and false things about yourself. Your partner has to guess if what you say is true or false.

- A: I think I'll *go windsurfing* this evening.
B: False. I don't think that's true.