Talking about future events

WILL + INFIN. WITHOUT TO	BE + GOING TO + VERB	PRESENT CONTINUOUS	SIMPLE PRESENT
Used to talk about events and actions in the future, even expressing a degree of uncertainty: I **will travel** to US tomorrow. She **won't go** to school. **Will** you **arrive** on time? Perhaps I'**ll buy** a new car.	Used to talk about a person's plans for the future, and they may happen or not in the future: I'**m going to get** some new clothes. Susan **is not going to travel** next month. **Are** you **going to ride** your motorcycle to Virginia?	Used to talk about actions or events performed in a close future, normally using time adverbs to make it clear that we're talking about future: We'**re traveling** tomorrow. Daddy **isn't arriving** at 6. **Is** Mary **sending** the package today?	To talk about habitual actions or future events that will happen as part of a program or that routinely take place: The train **leaves** at 6. The class **doesn't start** before 9 today. What time **does** the plane **take off**?

A People are talking about things that will happen in the future or actions they will perform. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the brackets:
1- Carl _____ a doctor when he grows up. (to be)
2- I heard on the radio that it _____ tonight. (to rain)
3- When _____ you _____ the money to buy Mary's birthday present? (to bring)
4- My parents _____ next December. (not / to travel)
5- The kids _____ a test today, so they can't play outside now. (to have)
6- Marian _____ for judo classes this semester. (to enroll)

B Ron's talking about his plans for the future, complete with the verbs in the brackets:
"When I graduate, I _____ (to travel) to Florida. I _____ (to ride) my motorcycle there. I _____ (to leave) on June 30th, and I _____ (to be) on the road all of July and August. I _____ (to arrive) there in September. I _____ (not / to stay) at a hotel, I _____ _____ (to stay) at a motel for a month. In October I _____ (to fly) back to Colorado. I _____ (to have) the thrill of my life!"

C The pictures represent what people will do in the future. Using the information given, write sentences about their future actions:
1- Billy / play baseball / this afternoon.
_____
2- Noel / not / study Science / at 4 o'clock today.
_____
3- Cindy and Albert / have a romantic dinner / tonight.
_____
4- Marion / trim the bushes / after lunch.
_____
5- My boss / travel on business / after this meeting.
_____
6- My sister / do the laundry / after school today.
_____

D Complete the sentences to talk about actions that routinely take place:
1- What time _____ the train _____ on Monday? (to departure)
2- When _____ the supermarket _____ today? (to close)
3- The train _____ at 9 tomorrow. (to arrive)
4- What time _____ the teacher _____ for this class? (to arrive)
5- _____ the plane _____ at 2 or 3 this afternoon? (to take off)

E Mark (P) when it refers to present and (F) when it refers to future:
1- We are traveling next Saturday. (   )
2- My boss is talking to a client now. (   )
3- The meeting is ending in a few minutes. (   )
4- The plane is taking off on time, so get a move on it! (   )
5- The kids are studying with their new classmate from Ohio. (   )
6- We're getting a new backpack for Cecilia this afternoon. (   )
7- The Millers are jogging in the park now. (   )
8- I'm painting the gate this weekend. (   )

F Choose the answer that best completes the sentences:
1- I _____ the English test today. It was postponed.
  a) am not having   c) will have
  b) am going to have d) am having
2- Susan _____ tomorrow. We are preparing a party for her arrival.
  a) is not going to arrive c) is arriving
  b) arriving   d) isn't arriving
3- Glenda _____ a teacher when she grows up. She loves biology.
  a) is being   c) will be
  b) is   d) is not going to be
4- My family and I _____ to the beach next Sunday.
  a) will travel   c) am going to travel
  b) travel   d) traveling
5- The meeting _____ at 7 this Tuesday.
  a) starts   c) will to start
  b) going to start d) started