Talking about future events

WILL + INFIN. WITHOUT TO
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.

BE + GOING TO + VERB
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?

PRESENT CONTINUOUS
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?

SIMPLE PRESENT
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

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