

Future simple

- decisions taken at the moment of speaking (on-the-spot decisions)
*I'm hungry. I'll **cook** something to eat.*
- hopes, fears, threats, offers, promises, warnings, predictions, requests, comments, etc with: *expect, hope, believe, I'm sure, I'm afraid, probably.*
*I promise I'll **be** on time.*
- predictions based on what we think
*He'll **probably** pass his driving test.*
- actions which will inevitably happen
*Summer **will be** here soon.*

be going to

- planned actions or intentions
*Now that she's passed her exams, she's **going to train** to be a solicitor.*
- evidence that something will definitely happen in the near future
*Those dark clouds mean it's **going to rain** soon.*

**Time expressions**

tomorrow, tonight, next week/month, in two/three, etc days, the day after tomorrow, soon, in a week/month, etc

Future continuous

- actions in progress at a stated future time
*This time next year, she'll **be running** her own business.*
- actions which are the result of a routine (instead of the Present continuous)
*I'll **be playing** tennis on Sunday. (I play tennis every Sunday – it's part of my routine.)*
- when we ask politely about people's arrangements to see if they can do sth for us or because we want to offer to do sth for them
*Will you **be going** shopping at the supermarket today?
Can you **buy** me some milk?*

Future perfect

- actions that will be finished before a stated future time
*They **will have emigrated** to Canada by Christmas.*
- actions which will have lasted up to a point in the future
*He **will have worked** for us for two years next May.*

Note: *by* or *not ... until/till* are used with the Future perfect. *Until/till* are normally used with the Future perfect only in negative sentences.

*He **will have completed** his studies **by the end** of the year. (NOT: ~~till/until~~) He won't have arrived **until** tonight.*

**Time expressions**

before, by, by then, by the time, until/till

Future perfect continuous

duration of an action that started in the past and will continue up to a certain time in the future

*By May, he **will have been teaching** for 35 years.*

**Time expressions**

by ... for

Present simple (future meaning)

timetables/programmes

*The play **begins** at 7 o'clock this evening.*

Present continuous (future meaning)

fixed arrangement in the near future

*She's **meeting** her aunt this weekend.*

• We can also use these expressions to refer to the future: *be on the verge of ...*, *be about to ...*, *be on the point of ...*, *be due to ...*

• We never use future forms after: *as long as*, *as soon as*, *after*, *before*, *by the time*, *if* (conditional), *unless*, *in case*, *until/till*, *when* (time conjunction), *whenever*, *while*, *once*, *suppose/supposing*, *on condition that*, etc.
*Let's buy some extra food in case they **call** round.*
(NOT: ~~in case they will call round~~)

• **when** used as a question word and **if** meaning "whether" (especially after *I don't know*, *I doubt*, *I wonder*, etc) can be used with future forms.
*When **will** he bring the books back? We don't know if he **will be** appointed to the post or not. (= whether)*

13 Choose the correct option.

- This time next week, we _____ to New York.
A will fly B will be flying
C will have been flying
- By the time we get there, the shop _____.
A will close B is closing
C will have closed
- There's someone at the door. I _____ see who it is.
A will go B going C will be going
- I doubt if Paul _____ by midnight.
A returns B will return C is returning
- The train _____ at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.
A leaves B will leave C will have left
- We _____ a film later – want to join us?
A will watch B will have watched
C are going to watch
- Take an umbrella with you in case it _____.
A rains B will rain
C will be raining
- Ask Helen if you can use her laptop. I'm sure she _____.
A won't mind B doesn't mind
C won't have minded
- By September, I _____ English for five years.
A will be studying B will have studied
C will have been studying
- "Will you _____ to the concert tonight?"
"Yes – do you want a lift?"
A be going B gone
C have been going
- We've just bought Emily this watch. Do you think she _____ it?
A will wear B is wearing
C will have worn
- He's playing really badly. There's no way _____ this match.
A he's winning B he'll be winning
C he's going to win
- Wendy and I _____ married in the summer. We've already agreed on the date.
A are getting B will be getting
C will have been getting
- The company is _____ closing down.
A is due to B is about to
C on the verge of

14 Put the verbs in brackets into the Future continuous, Future perfect or the Future perfect continuous.

- The guests are coming at 8 pm. I _____ (finish) cooking by then.
- Don't call after 11 o'clock because she _____ (sleep) then.
- By Christmas, I _____ (live) in London for three years.
- He _____ (not/paint) all the doors till Tuesday.
- I _____ (play) basketball with my friends on Sunday, as usual.
- By five o'clock, they _____ (lie) on the beach for four hours.
- "_____ (you/use) the car tonight?" "No, you can take it."
- Do you think she _____ (see) the doctor by four o'clock?
- By next April, he _____ (teach) for twelve years.
- _____ (you/wait) for her when her plane arrives?

15 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct future tense.

A 6:30 AM 100%
Hi, Bill. It's 6 am and I've just got to the office. I
1) _____ (call) our partner in Hong Kong at
7 am. Then I 2) _____ (meet) three new
clients. Today I 3) _____ (finish) work at 3
and after that I 4) _____ (play) golf with
the boss, as usual on a Wednesday afternoon. But
first, I'm about to have a video conference with our
Dubai office. I doubt if I 5) _____ (have)
time to send you those files you need today.

B Amy
Hi Amy. I still can't believe it! This time tomorrow,
I 1) _____ (shop) in Vienna!
I 2) _____
(stay) with Hilda and her family for three days, and by
Tuesday I 3) _____ (visit) every museum
in the city. Then we 4) _____ (probably/
spend) a week skiing in Innsbruck, and if we have time, we
5) _____ (go) to Salzburg as well. I'm sure we
6) _____ (have) a wonderful time. By the end of my
trip, I 7) _____ (travel) around
Austria for nine days. Well, I must go now. My plane
8) _____ (leave) in a few hours. I 9) _____
(call) you as soon as I 10) _____ (get) back. Bye!

16 Choose the correct option.

- This time next week, we ____ in Italy.
A are skiing C will have skied
B will have been skiing D will be skiing
- Robert ____ to Manchester next month.
A will have been moving C moves
B is moving D will have moved
- Sandra fears she ____ everything by the time her guests arrive.
A won't have prepared C won't prepare
B won't be preparing D isn't preparing
- Peter ____ football practice on Mondays at 7 pm.
A is having C will have
B will be having D has
- My little brother ____ six next month.
A is being C will be
B is D will have been
- It's hot in here. I ____ the window.
A open C 'll be opening
B 'll open D 'll have opened
- ____ this book by the end of the week?
A Are you going to read
B Will you have been reading
C Will you have read
D Are you reading
- We ____ at a French restaurant tonight. We've already booked the table.
A will have eaten C are eating
B will have been eating D eat
- By April, Mr Johnson ____ in this company for twenty years.
A is working C will be working
B works D will have been working
- The band ____ at the same time next Saturday.
A will be performing
B will have been performing
C will have performed
D performs
- I'm not sure if the festival ____ ahead as it might rain.
A goes C will have been going
B will go D will have gone
- ____ your cousin this weekend?
A Don't you visit C Aren't you visiting
B Won't you be visiting D Won't you have visited

17 Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate future tense.

A

Kenwhite's one-day sale 1) ____ (start) this Monday. The store 2) ____ (open) at 8 am and early morning shoppers 3) ____ (be able to) enjoy shopping in peace and quiet before the crowds 4) ____ (arrive). We 5) ____ (offer) substantial discounts on ladieswear and you 6) ____ (come across) some real bargains in our menswear range. By the end of the day, we are sure that all of our customers 7) ____ (find) what they are looking for.

B

Anne Mayton's latest book *The S-Plan Diet* 1) ____ (be) available in bookshops soon. The new S-plan diet 2) ____ (help) you lose weight safely and quickly. You 3) ____ (not/need) to miss meals and you 4) ____ (not/have to) spend hours measuring out portions of food. By the end of the diet, the author guarantees you 5) ____ (lose) at least 7 kilos.



18 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use two to five words, including the word in bold.

- Jenny has arranged to meet Mark in front of the cinema.
GOING Jenny and Mark ____ in front of the cinema.
- The teacher will not tolerate any disobedience in class.
PUT The teacher ____ any disobedience in class.
- The play starts at 7:00, but we won't get to the theatre before 7:15.
HAVE The play ____ by the time we get to the theatre.
- Next month, Chris will be celebrating ten years in the field of psychology.
WORKING Next month, Chris ____ as a psychologist for ten years.
- Sarah turned down Alex and Jessica's invitation to their wedding.
NOT Sarah ____ Alex and Jessica's wedding.

19 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I can't see you tonight because I always ____ to the gym on Mondays.
A am going C went
B have gone D go
- 2 Simon looks happy – he ____ his maths test.
A will pass C was passing
B has passed D had passed
- 3 I'm sorry, Mum can't come to the phone because she ____ at the moment.
A cooks C will be cooking
B is cooking D has cooked
- 4 I wonder where Jim is; I haven't seen him ____ this morning.
A already C for
B since D just
- 5 By the time we arrived at the restaurant, they ____ eating.
A had been starting C will be starting
B have started D had started
- 6 You ____ on weight every day – you really should go on a diet.
A will be putting C had been putting
B were putting D are putting
- 7 Tim ____ while Pam was watching TV.
A is sleeping C was sleeping
B has slept D has been sleeping
- 8 By the end of next year, he ____ in Madrid for three years.
A will be C will have been
B is going to be D had been
- 9 She ____ in Liverpool for ten years before she came to London.
A was living C had been living
B has been living D will be living
- 10 Ann locked up the house, ____ in her car and drove away.
A get C was getting
B got D had got
- 11 She's angry with her son because he ____ to her.
A used to lie C was lying
B has lied D had lied
- 12 I promise I'll pay you back as soon as I ____ paid.
A will have got C will get
B has got D get
- 13 I wish they'd be quiet – they ____ for hours.
A have been talking C were talking
B have talked D had talked
- 14 By this time next week, we ____ in Lisbon.
A will arrive C are arriving
B will have arrived D will be arriving
- 15 He hasn't finished the work ____, but he will have finished by this evening.
A yet C before
B still D just
- 16 Before you ____ answering the questions, make sure you read the passage carefully.
A will start C are starting
B start D have started
- 17 The president ____ Ohio in a week's time.
A has visited C is visiting
B visits D would visit
- 18 She ____ on the project for two days before she finished it.
A was working C used to work
B had been working D worked
- 19 He ____ out with Sam when they were at university.
A goes C was going
B had been going D used to go
- 20 He hasn't driven a car since he ____ that accident.
A had C was having
B has had D had had
- 21 Make sure you arrive on time tomorrow because the bus ____ for you.
A isn't waiting C didn't wait
B hasn't waited D won't wait
- 22 Now that I've finished everything I had to do, I ____ a little rest.
A was taking C will be taking
B have taken D am going to take