

Expressing the future

1 Complete the sentences with the correct future forms.

■ comes ■ is coming

- 1 a The taxi at 9.30.
b The bus at 10.05.

■ will win ■ are going to win

- 2 a Barcelona They're 3-0 up and there's only ten minutes left.
b I think Barcelona tomorrow's match.
■ 'll see ■ 'm going to see

- 3 a I hope I you at the protest march on Wednesday.
b I the latest James Bond film tomorrow.

■ 'm helping ■ might help

- 4 a I can't come to the cinema this afternoon – I my dad fix the car.
b I you with your essay later – it depends if I have time.

■ 'm travelling ■ 'm going to travel

- 5 a I around South America in my gap year before university.
b I to Edinburgh by plane – I've just got the tickets.

2 Complete Zoe's post on her social networking page using the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.

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Hi friends!

As some of you know already, a few of us
1 (get) together next Sunday to
talk about the recycling club we 2
(start). The intention isn't to recycle rubbish, it
3 (be) for anything that you think
you 4 (not use) in the future but
is too good to throw away – gadgets, furniture,
tools, bikes, etc. We're going to set up a new
page on this site which you can all link to, and
hopefully it 5 (be) an easy way
to post details of anything you don't need but
think someone else might find a use for. We
6 (meet) in Giovanni's café at
10 a.m., but don't forget that the clocks are
changing next Saturday night! The weather
forecast says it 7 (be) sunny and
unusually warm, so I think we 8
(be able to) sit outside.

Zoe

3 Match the answers in exercise 2 to the ways of expressing the future below.

- a uncertain prediction
b hope
c intention
d arrangement 1
e prediction based on evidence

4 Complete the dialogue with the correct future form of the verbs below.

■ be ■ take ■ close (x2) ■ come ■ explain ■ can
■ understand ■ use

- A 1 you to the flashmob event we're organizing at the bank on Saturday? We're meeting there at 9 a.m.
B I might come, I'm not sure whether I 2 free. What exactly are you going to do there?
A We 3 books into the bank and sit around reading them.
B And what are you hoping that people 4 by that?
A Well, we 5 that it's because banks have taken so much of the public's money in recent years that a lot of libraries 6 soon. Our local library 7 next month, so the idea is that from now on we 8 banks as libraries!
B That's cool! I hope I 9 come.

5 CHALLENGE! Write a list of your plans, arrangements and predictions for the future. Use different future forms depending on how sure you are that these things will happen.

