

GRAMMAR

Present for future

Exercise 1

Elliot is talking to his friend Kelly about the weekend. Listen and complete the sentences below.

1. What does Kelly say about tonight? 'We _____ the new James Bond film.'
2. What does Elliot say about tonight? 'I _____ for exams tonight.'
3. What does Kelly say about Saturday and Sunday? 'We _____ the weekend at the seaside.'
4. What are Elliot's plans for Saturday? 'I _____ a designer at 10.30 on Saturday.'
5. What does Elliot tell us about his journey from Rome? 'My flight _____ Rome at 11 pm on Saturday and it _____ in London at 1 am.'
6. What does Elliot say about Sunday? 'I expect I _____ asleep all day on Sunday.'
7. What does Kelly agree to do? 'OK. I _____ a coffee with you.'
8. What does Elliot say about the future? 'I _____ really rich. I _____ a fast car and I _____ you all to the seaside ...'

Exercise 2

Look at your answers and find the sentences which contain:

- present simple _____ present continuous _____
will future _____ going to _____ a timetable _____
what someone believes about the future _____
plans someone has already made _____
what someone decides at that moment _____

Exercise 3

Match the sentences to the uses of the future structures.

1. That restaurant will close soon because the food is terrible.
2. She's meeting me at the restaurant at five o'clock.
3. I'm going to leave work early today.
4. My son will make a great lawyer because he argues a lot.
5. I'm going to make spaghetti for dinner.
6. We're hiring a new receptionist from Malaysia.
7. University graduates will be able to get better jobs.
8. She's going to exercise more so she gets in shape.
9. He's driving on Saturday and I'm driving on Sunday.
10. Singapore will be the most important financial centre.
11. He's going to find out how much it costs to stay at that hotel.
12. We're watching a movie after dinner.

Exercise 4

Read this conversation between a hotel receptionist and a guest.
Choose the best form of the verb.

Guest: Excuse me. I *'m staying / stay* here till Friday. I'm *going to look / looking* around the city now but I want to do some walking in the mountains while I'm here.

Receptionist: OK. There's a guided tour tomorrow. It *is leaving / leaves* from outside the hotel at 10 am and it *is returning / returns* at 5 pm.

Guest: Oh good. I think I *'m doing / 'll do* that.

Receptionist: Would you like to order a packed lunch? Cheese or chicken sandwiches?

Guest: I *'ll have / have* cheese, please. And are there any evening activities in the hotel?

Receptionist: There's a concert tonight which *is starting / starts* at 7.30.

Guest: Oh I *'m meeting / 'll meet* an old friend at 6 and I don't think I *'m / 'll be* back in time.

Receptionist: OK. *Are you going to have / Do you have* dinner in the hotel tonight?

Guest: No thanks.

Exercise 4

Pretend you have already made plans for a holiday next week with a friend. Answer the questions in a text of about 100 words.

Where are you going?

How are you getting there?

When are you leaving?

When are you returning?

Where are you staying there?

Where are you eating there?

What are you doing while you're there?

What are you seeing while you're there?

Are you staying together the whole time?