

THE FUTURE

Complete the sentences with a suitable future form.

Present Simple

- for future events which are part of a fixed timetable or programme:

Ex: The train **leaves** at 9.

- for future events in clauses of time (*when, as soon as, before, after, until...*) and condition (*if, unless, as long as...*):

Ex: I'll buy you a newspaper **when** I go out.

Present Continuous

- for future plans or (social) arrangements (we must give the time, date and /or place):

Ex: What **are** you **doing** this evening? – I **am staying** at home.

Going to

- for predictions when there are signs that something will happen in the near future: Ex: It's getting late. You **are going to** miss your train.

- for future plans or intentions that were planned before the time of speaking: Ex: I **am going to** move to Italy next month.

Future Simple

- for things we think or believe will happen in the future (we often use the words *think, believe, expect, be sure, be afraid, hope, possibly, perhaps, certainly...*): Ex: I **think** you **will enjoy** this film.

- for (unplanned) intentions /decisions made at the moment of speaking: Ex: We seem to be lost. I'll **stop** and ask for the way home.

- for future facts: Ex: He **will be** 50 next month.

- for threats, promises, offers, requests... :

Ex: Stop that or I'll **tell** your parents.

Ex: I **will be** careful, I promise.

- with the 1st conditional: Ex: I **will visit** you later, if I have the time.

Future Continuous

- for temporary actions that will be in progress at a certain time in the future:

Ex: I **will be having** dinner at 7 pm.

- for things that are already planned, or which are part of a regular routine:

Ex: I **will be driving** into town later on. Can I give you a lift?

- for polite enquiries about people's plans /decision:

Ex: **Will** you **be going** out this evening?

Future Perfect

- for actions that will happen / be completed by a certain time in the future:

Ex: I **will have finished** my homework by the time you get back.

- It is often used with a time expression using **by** + a point in future time (*then, the time...*)

1. We will go out as soon as we _____ (finish) this.
2. By the time we get there, the film _____ (begin).
3. Look at those clouds. It _____ (rain).
4. I _____ (meet) her this evening.
5. Don't call at 6.00. I _____ (do) my homework then.
6. Perhaps I _____ (see) you tomorrow.
7. I forgot the car keys. – Don't worry, I _____ (get) them for you.
8. What time _____ (the next train/arrive)?
9. He _____ (spend) all his money by the end of the week.
10. I _____ (pay) all my debts in a week's time.
11. Stop that, or I _____ (tell) your parents.
12. Paul _____ (learn) French.
13. This time next week he _____ (camp) in the mountains.
14. Have you heard? Linda _____ (buy) a new house.
15. Where _____ (you/work) in ten years' time?
16. I _____ (help) you move if I get here on time.
17. Stay in your seat until the bell _____ (ring).
18. _____ (you/use) your car at the weekend? – I guess I will.
19. _____ (you/watch) the action movie? – Yes, I am.
20. He _____ (arrive) in Paris by the end of the day.