

Talking about future

Present tenses with a future meaning

Exercise 1

You are a famous astrologer. You've been invited on a TV show to give your astrological predictions for next year. Using the prompts below, make sentences, as in the example.

Example: An earthquake will strike Europe.

1. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan/win/elections
2. Economy/not improve/significantly
3. Number of plane crashes/increase
4. France/establish/colony/on Mars
5. Scientists/not discover/cure for Covid-19
6. Teachers/have/higher salaries
7. Military actions/take place/ on the basis of religious conflicts
8. The war/ in the country/ end
9. Glaciers/stop melting
10. The world center/begin /to move/ to Asia

Exercise 2

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of *will* or *be going to*:

1. A: Why are you buying flour and eggs?
B: Because I (make) a cake.
2. A: I have decided what to buy dad for his birthday.
B: Really? What (you/buy) for him?
3. A: Did you ask Angela to the party?
B: Oh no! I forgot! I (ask) her tonight.

4. A: Could I speak to Morgan, please?
B: Wait a minute. I (get) him for you.
5. A: What are your plans for the weekend?
B: I (spend) some time with my friends.
6. A: What are you doing on Saturday night?
B: Oh. I (probably/stay) at home with my family.
7. A: Have you cleaned your floor yet?
B: No, but I promise I (do) it this afternoon.
8. A: Look at that girl!
B: oh yes! She (climb) the tree.
9. A: Megan is very clever for her age.
B: Yes. She says she (become) an engineer when she grows up.
10. A: I'm too tired to cut the grass.
B: Don't worry! I (cut) it for you.

Exercise 3

Choose the correct form:

Tomorrow the sun *rises* / *is rising* at 4.59 and it *sets* | *is setting* at 20.37.

I *don't do anything* / *am not doing* anything tonight. I want to relax.

What time *do you meet* / *are you meeting* Mary on Monday?

This year the school *ends* / *is ending* on 28 May.

After the repairing the shop *opens* / *is opening* on Monday again.

I can't help you. I *see* / *am seeing* the doctor this afternoon.

We've already booked our holiday. We *go* / *are going* to Cyprus in July.

Could you meet us at the airport tomorrow evening? The plane *lands* / *is landing* at 7.40.

The concert *doesn't start* / *is not starting* at 9 o'clock. It is cancelled.

Do you have / *Are you having* your party this month or next month? I forgot.

Exercise 4

Complete the following questions using the Future Simple tense:

1. you (watch) TV after university?
2. Kim and Kylie (play) soccer?
3. she (be) late?

4. they (move) to Spain?
5. you (lend) me 1 million dollars?
6. she..... (stay) in Italy for 1 week?
7. the kids (visit) their grandma?
8. you (come) with me to the cinema?
9. Sam (like) Greece?
10. she (call) her mom during break?

Exercise 5

Match each sentence with the correct reply:

It's too hot!	I will ask my parents if it's ok
Can someone help me with my project?	I will turn on the air conditioning
I'm going to the cinema. Do you want to come with me?	I'll show him how it works
James doesn't know how to use his new computer	I will help you

Exercise 6

Look at this weekly planner. Read about the plans and then share your plan for this week. Use the present continuous (future plans)

WEEKLY PLANNER

MONDAY ☐ gym ☐ doctor's ☐ 11 am ☐ larah's ☐ play ☐ ☐	TUESDAY ☐ chloe piano ☐ lesson ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	WEDNESDAY ☐ cycling ☐ with john ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
THURSDAY ☐ SWIMMING! ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	FRIDAY ☐ archery ☐ lesson ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	SATURDAY ☐ YOGA, ☐ buy ☐ groceries ☐ ☐ ☐
SUNDAY ☐ sweep ☐ garage ☐ movie night ☐ ☐	Shopping - egg, milk - bread - meat and seafood - cereals, sugar - fruits	

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Exercise 8

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct future tense.

Dear Mark,

The holidays are coming and I've made lots of plans. This time next week, I (1) (buy) Christmas presents for my family and friends. I (2) (get) everything in one day, so that I can enjoy myself for the rest of the holidays.

I'm staying at home with my family on Christmas Day, but two days later I (3) (leave) for Germany. James and I (4) (spend) a week there skiing. I'm sure we (5) (have) a wonderful time.

When I come back from Germany, I (6) (probably/have) a party, because it's my birthday on January 6th. I (7) (be) 19! I hope you (8) (come).

Well, I must go now. I'm going to help my mother with the housework. See you soon!

Love,
Catherine.

Exercise 9

Underline the correct tense.

1. When we go to Paris, we **will climb/will have climbed** the Eiffel Tower.
2. John **will have completed/will have been completing** his studies by the end of the year.
3. By the time I get home, I **will have been walking/will walk** for 3 hours
4. Kate **will be performing/will have been performing** in the school concert next week.
5. We're too late to catch the bus. It **will go/will have gone** by now.
6. 'We've run out of milk.' 'Really? I **will buy/ will have been buying** some more this afternoon.
7. This time tomorrow, I **will have been leaving/will be leaving** for the airport.

8. Sam **will work/will have been working** here for 2 years on Friday
9. I **will collect/will have collected** you from Peter's house on my way home.
10. Ann **will have found/will be finding** the note I left for her by now.

Exercise 10

Answer the following questions about yourself.

- 1) What are you doing at the weekend?
- 2) How long will you have been studying English by the end of this term?
- 3) How much money will you have saved by the summer?
- 4) What will you be doing this time next week?
- 5) What do you think life will be like in the future?
- 6) Where are you going next summer?
- 7) What will you have done by the end of today?
- 8) How many meals will you have eaten by the end of today?

Revision test

Complete the predictions with the correct form of the verbs in the boxes.

Need	be	give	become	break	lend	pass	miss
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Might / be going to

1. 'I haven't bought a coat.' 'It's ok. It _____ cold. They said so on the radio.'
2. 'Is it cold outside?' 'Yes, I think you _____ a coat later on.'

Might/will

1. 'I'm nervous about the exam.' 'Don't worry – i'm sure you _____.'
2. 'can I carry those glasses for you?' 'yes, but be careful – you _____ them.'

Be going to/might

1. 'Oh no! it's already too late – we _____ the train!'
2. 'do you think Daniel _____ us a lift in his car?' 'i'm not sure. I'll ask him.'

May/will

1. 'I need to borrow some brown shoes.' 'Brooke has some. She _____ you hers.'
2. 'do you feel confident about the future?' 'Yes, totally. I _____ a millionaire before I'm 21!'

Click on the correct words:

1. He's not **going to** / **won't** hire a DJ for the party (plan)
2. I **won't get**/ **I'm not getting** permission to have a party. (prediction)
3. Their party **is finishing/finishes** at 10 pm. (fixed event)
4. We'll **start/re starting** our new school in July. (arrangement)
5. What time **are you going/will you go** home? (prediction)

Choose the correct option for each situation.

- a) Relax. **I'll answer/I'm going to answer** the phone.
- b) You look hot! **I'll open/I'm going to open** the window.
- c) Next year **we'll enter/we're going to enter** the Japanese market.
- d) Thanks, **I'm going to have/I'll have** an orange juice.
- e) Have a rest. **I'm going to do/I'll do** the photocopying.
- f) Thursday is not good for me. **I'm going to meet/I'll meet** the new manager.
- g) What are you doing these days? – nothing much. **I'll start/I'm going to start** a new job soon.
- h) Would you like something to eat? – thanks, **I'm going to have/I'll have** a sandwich.
- i) Why is Maria sitting at the piano? – **she'll sing/she is going to sing**, I'm afraid.
- j) This cake looks delicious. Yes, I'm sure **you're going to enjoy/you'll enjoy** it.