

Grammar in Use

Future Actions

1. Match the sentences to the correct descriptions.

1	<i>They are moving to Australia this summer.</i>
2	<i>It's getting cold. I think I will put on my coat.</i>
3	<i>I'm going to make an apple pie. Let's buy some flour and apples.</i>
4	<i>I believe you will become a famous singer one day.</i>
5	<i>The performance starts at 7 p.m.</i>
6	<i>Look! The acrobat is going to walk along the tightrope.</i>
7	<i>They will have finished their meeting by 4 o'clock this afternoon.</i>
8	<i>By the time Rick retires, he will have been working for the same company for thirty years.</i>
9	<i>I'm afraid he won't come to the party.</i>
10	<i>This time next Saturday, I will be lying on the beach.</i>

- a** fixed arrangement in the near future
- b** action in process at a stated future time
- c** fears about the future
- d** emphasis on the duration of an action up to a certain time in the future
- e** a prediction based on what we can see
- f** action which will be finished before a stated future time
- g** hopes about the future
- h** future intention
- i** timetables/programmes
- j** on-the-spot decision

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

- 1) Why are you taking the car keys? - I **(drive)**
John to the gym.
- 2) Is Lucy coming to school tomorrow? - I'm not sure. I **(call)** and ask.
- 3) This time next month, we **(relax)** in the sun.

4) When the train (come), get on it and go to Waterloo Station.

5) I (finish) the project before the boss come.

6) I'm sure Thomas (become) a great scientist one day.

7) By the time she finishes work, we (wait) for more than an hour.

3. Choose the correct item.

1) I'll do my homework I get home.

2) I will work there I find a better job.

3) The film will have finished 10 o'clock.

4) She'll send us a letter she has time.

5) We're going to visit my sister work.

6) I'm going to the hairdresser's work on Friday.

7) I will be doing homework 3 o'clock tomorrow.

8) she gives you the envelope, she will ask you for the secret code.