

FUTURE FORMS

b Underline the correct verb form(s) in these sentences. (Sometimes two are possible.)

- 1 Computer scientists predict that the new virus *is going to affect/is affecting/will affect* at least two million PCs in the next two days.
- 2 *I may meet/I'm meeting/I'll meet* my girlfriend for dinner tonight. I've booked a table at my favourite restaurant.
- 3 I've decided *I change/I'm going to change/I'm changing* my job.
- 4 **A** I can't get the computer to work.
B Don't worry, *I help/I'll help/I'm helping* you.
- 5 Look out! *You'll hit/You're hitting/You're going to hit* your head, if you're not careful.
- 6 **A** Jane, I think that's your mobile ringing.
B I'm sorry. *I'm going to switch/I'm switching/I'll switch* it off.
- 7 **A** What *are you doing/are you going to do/will you do* tonight?
B I don't know. *I'm going/I'll go/I might go* to the cinema or to a disco.

Practice

17 Put the verbs into the **be going to** future or the **shall/will** future. If both tenses are possible, choose the one that is most appropriate for the context. With the verbs *to go* or *to come* use the present continuous as future instead of the **be going to** future.

Two friends, Jack and David, are talking.

J: Have you decided what you *are going to do* (do) this weekend?

D: Yes, we ²..... (have) a quiet day on Saturday and then on Sunday we ³..... (take) a bus up into the mountains and do some walking. And we ⁴..... (probably book into) a hotel there for the night. What about you?

⁵..... (you/do) lots of work as usual?

J: Well, no. Mark phoned last night about coming down this weekend.

D: Really?

J: Yes, he ⁶..... (come) on Friday.

D: Oh, I'd like to see him. I think I ⁷..... (phone him up) tonight and arrange something.

J: Well, we're planning to spend the day on the beach on Saturday. We ⁸..... (do) some swimming and sunbathing. I just hope the weather ⁹..... (be) warm enough. And then on Saturday night we ¹⁰..... (see) that new film with Tom Cruise.

D: Well, as I've got nothing planned, I ¹¹..... (join) you at the beach on Saturday then, if that's O.K.

J: Of course it is. I ¹²..... (pick you up) from your flat some time after breakfast.

D: Oh thanks. ¹³..... (I/bring) a picnic?

J: Yes. Why not? I tell you what: Mark and I ¹⁴..... (make) some sandwiches and ¹⁵..... (you/bring) some salad and fruit?

D: Yes, fine. I ¹⁶..... (do) that. Good. That ¹⁷..... (save) us all the cost of eating out. And what about the film? What time ¹⁸..... (you/see) that?

J: We ¹⁹..... (see) the early showing at 6.00 and then we ²⁰..... (try out) that new disco in town.

D: Right. Well, I think I ²¹..... (spend) the evening at home with Sarah.

J: O.K. So I ²²..... (see) you on Saturday morning, probably at around 10 o'clock.

D: Fine.