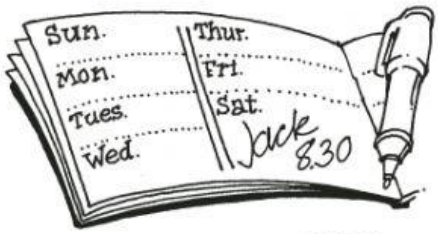
WHAT IS THE RULE

Future: *going to* OR *will* OR present continuous?

My friend is going to live in Italy. That boat is going to sink – there are too many passengers.
Goodbye. I'll see you tomorrow. – I can't see you tomorrow. I'm playing tennis.



A **Present continuous**

Gill's got a new boyfriend, Jack.
She's looking at her diary.
GILL: ***I'm meeting*** Jack at 8.30 next Saturday.

1 Has Jack agreed to meet Gill next Saturday? .....

2 Is Gill talking about **a** an arrangement OR **b** a possibility? ☐



B **Going to**

Gill wants a new dress for Saturday
GILL: ***I'm going to buy*** a new dress.

Gill has made a decision. What is her plan now?

She ..... a new dress.



C **Going to**

Gill wants to go into town to buy her dress.
She's looking at some black clouds.
GILL: I need an umbrella. ***It's going to rain.***

1 Is it raining now? .....

2 What seems certain because of the black clouds?

It ..... rain.



D **Will**

Gill's phoning Jack about Saturday.
GILL: I'm getting the 7.45 bus.
So, ***I'll arrive*** in town at 8.15.

The bus into town usually takes 30 minutes.
What time will the 7.45 arrive in town?

It ..... at 8.15. (This is a simple future fact.)



E **Will**

GILL: Can you meet me?
JACK: Yes. ***I'll meet*** you at the bus station.

Does Jack decide to meet Gill **a** before she asks the question OR **b** at the moment he speaks? ☐

REMEMBER!

Match the sentences with the explanations.

1 *Jack **'s seeing** Gill at 8.30 next Saturday.* ☐
2 *Gill and Jack **will be** in town next Saturday evening.* ☐
3 *Goodbye, **I'll phone** you tomorrow.* ☐
4 ***I'm going to wear** my new dress on Saturday.* ☐
5 *There's a hole in Gill's new dress.*
*She looks very unhappy – she**'s going to cry**.* ☐

a An intention, a plan made before the moment of speaking.
b An intention, a decision that we make now, at the moment of speaking.
c A simple future fact.
d An arrangement made for a particular time in the future.
e A future event or action that seems certain because of something we can see now.

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