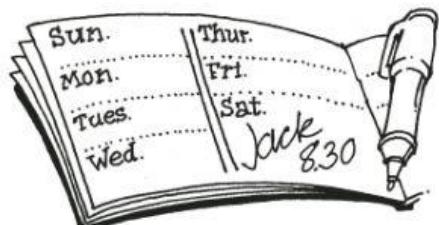


WHAT IS THE RULE

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.