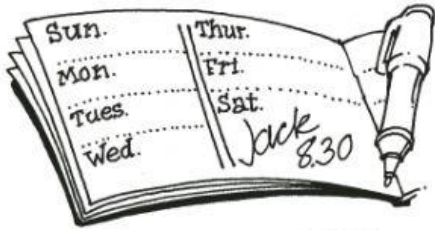


## WHAT IS THE RULE

### 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.