

## FUTURE TENSES

| PRESENT SIMPLE                                                                                                                                                       | PRESENT CONTINUOUS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | GOING TO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | WILL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>To talk about fixed events.<br/>(timetables, schedules)</p> <p>* The train leaves at 5:55.<br/>* The new zoo opens on Friday.<br/>* The match starts at 3 pm.</p> | <p>To talk about things we have arranged in the past to do in the future.<br/>(arrangements)</p> <p>For example: My father had a job interview, the enterprise called him and asked him to start work <b>next week</b>.</p> <p>We can now say:<br/>* He's starting a new job next week.</p> <p>Example 2: We have invited Tom and Johana to come for dinner on Sunday. They accepted.</p> <p>We can now say:<br/>* Tom and Johana are coming on Sunday.</p> | <p>To talk about things we have decided to do in the future.<br/>(plans or intentions)</p> <p>* Paul is not going to study music at university.<br/>* I'm going to see a film tonight.<br/>* We are not going to buy a car this year. They are very expensive.</p> <p>***I am going to go to the movies tonight.</p> | <p>When we make a decision to do something.<br/>(Decisions taken at the moment of speaking)</p> <p>For example, when the telephone rings, we say:<br/>* I'll answer.</p> <p>A: I have a party on Sunday. You are all invited.<br/>B: I'll go to your party.<br/>C: Sorry, I won't go. I have things to do.</p> |

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| <p>To talk about an event in the future using “after, when, before, until, as soon as”.</p> <p>* I’m going to finish this work before I go.<br/> * Wait until I get back.<br/> * I’ll phone you as soon as I get back.</p> |                    | <p>To predict the future, using information we know now. (evidence)</p> <p>* Look at the blue sky! It’s going to be hot.<br/> * The kid has eaten so much chocolate. He’s going to be ill.<br/> * Look at the time. It’s already late. They aren’t going to come to the party.</p> | <p>To talk about future facts, and things that we think will happen in the future.</p> <p>* My mother will be forty this year.<br/> * He’s a good student. I think he won’t make any mistakes.</p> <p>Common expressions:<br/> I think...<br/> I believe...<br/> In my opinion...</p> |
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| +) I work on Saturdays.<br>-) I don't work on Saturdays.<br>?) Do I work on Saturday?                   | +) I am visiting my mother next week.<br>-) I'm not visiting my mother next week.<br>?) Are you visiting your mother next week? | +) She is going to play tennis today.<br>-) She isn't going to play tennis today.<br>?) Is she going to play tennis today? | +) John will arrive tomorrow.<br>-) John will not arrive tomorrow.<br>will not = won't<br>?) Will John arrive tomorrow? |
| +) The class starts at 8 am.<br>-) The class doesn't start at 8 am.<br>?) Does the class start at 8 am? | I <b>am</b> + ing.<br>You/We/They <b>are</b> + ing<br>He/She/It <b>is</b> + ing                                                 | I <b>am</b> going to +inf.<br>You/We/They <b>are</b> going to +inf<br>He/She/It <b>is</b> going to +inf                    |                                                                                                                         |