6 Future 2

present simple; *be about to*;
future continuous; future perfect

A Context listening

1 **Janet is a university lecturer. She gets nervous when she gives talks at conferences. Look at the pictures. Which do you think would help Janet feel more confident and relaxed?**







2 6 **Listen to Janet's conversation with her colleague, Phil. What advice does Phil give her?**

3 6 **Listen again and complete the sentences below. Write no more than three words for each answer.**

1 Janet ..... on the report all next week.
2 By the end of the year, Janet ..... the same talk at six conferences.
3 When she gets to Rome, Janet ..... very nervous.
4 Before he gives his talk in London, Phil ..... it at least ten times.
5 Janet is in a hurry because the train to the airport ..... in 20 minutes.

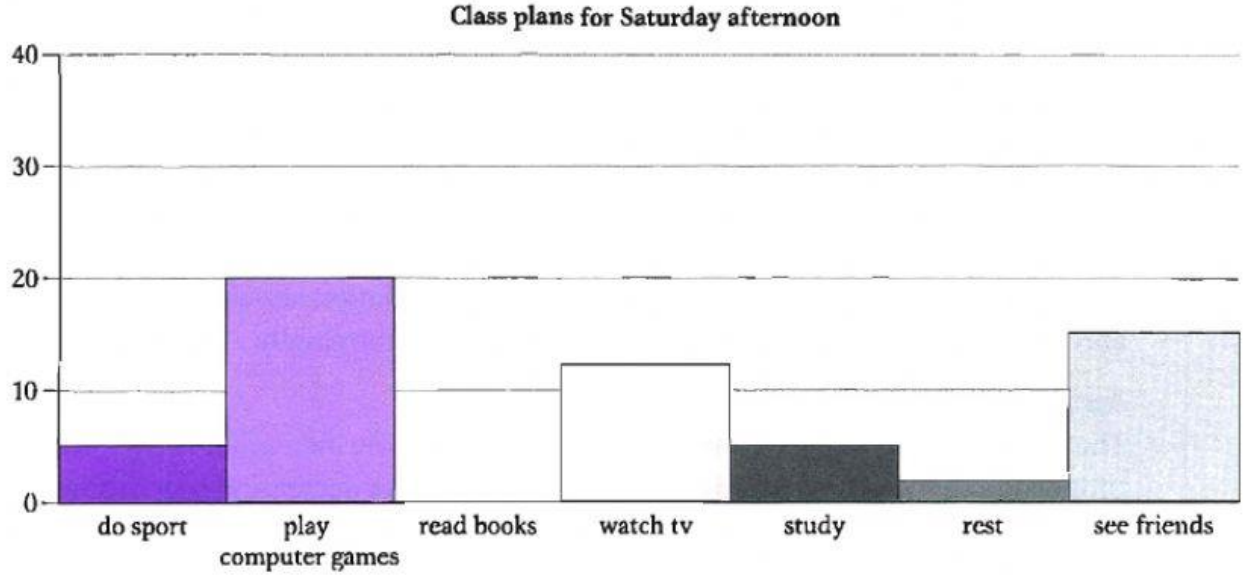
4 **Look at the sentences used in Exercise 3 and answer these questions.**

1 Which sentences talk about events that will be over before a time in the future?
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2 Which sentences talk about events or situations in progress at a particular time in the future? .....
3 Which sentence talks about a scheduled event? .....

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C Grammar exercises

1 **The following chart shows the results of a class survey about planned activities for Saturday afternoon. Complete the sentences using the future continuous tense.**



1 Twelve students will be watching TV on Saturday afternoon.
2 The students ..... books on Saturday.
3 The largest group of students ..... this Saturday afternoon.
4 A similar number of students ..... and ..... this weekend.
5 A very small number of students ..... this weekend.
6 Approximately 15 students ..... this weekend.

Write what you will be doing at the following times.

7 At six o'clock tomorrow I'll .....
8 Next Saturday afternoon I won't .....
9 On Sunday morning .....
10 In a year's time .....

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2 **Read the following projections about the future population of Australia.**

Population projections

According to the latest available projections (which are based on several combinations of assumptions reflecting past trends in births, deaths and migration), the total population of Australia is likely to have increased to between 22.3 and 23.3 million by 2021.

The projected population will increase at a declining rate. The average annual growth rate is predicted to be between 0.5 and 0.8 during 2011–2021. Without overseas migration, the projected total population should peak at about 23.3 million in 2041, and then start to decline marginally.

Age distribution

The projected population will age progressively due to the increasing proportion of the elderly (aged 65 years or more) and the decreasing proportion of children (aged under 15 years). In brief, the number of persons aged under 15 is projected to be between 3.7 and 4.1 million in 2031; the population of working age (15–64 years) is projected to increase to between 14.4 and 15.0 million in 2031; and the number of persons aged 65 years or more is projected to increase to between 2.94 and 2.98 million in 2031. The projections also show significant increases in the number of persons aged 80 years or more.

Write the verbs in brackets in the future perfect tense. Then choose the correct ending for each sentence.

1 By the year 2021 the population of Australia will have reached (*reach*)
2 The population of Australia ..... (*peak*)
3 By the year 2031 the number of children aged under 15 ..... (*rise*)
4 By 2031 the number of people of working age in Australia ..... (*grow*)
5 By 2031 the number of people aged 65 and over ..... (*go up*)
6 By the year 2031 the number of people aged over 80 ..... (*increase*)

a by the early 2040s.
b to almost 2.98 million.
c a maximum of 23.3 million.
d to between 3.7 and 4.1 million.
e significantly.
f to around 15 million.

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3 **In six of these sentences there is a verb in the wrong tense. Underline each mistake and write the correction.**

1 When I'll find the answer I'll let you know. ..... I find .....
2 My exams finish on 27th June. .....
3 I'll be fine in the interview as long as they won't ask me technical questions. .....
4 What time is your meeting about to start tomorrow? .....
5 I'll hand in my notice for this job after I'll get the contract for my new one. .....
6 I'll text you before we set off. .....
7 The bus doesn't arrive until 7.30 in the evening. .....
8 I've got my schedule for the Japan trip. We're about to fly to Tokyo at 10 am on Monday, and then travel by train to Kyoto for one night. .....
9 The moment I'll receive my results I'll phone you. .....

4 **Fill in the gaps with a future form from this unit and the verbs in brackets.**

Teacher: What ..... will you be doing ..... (1 *you/do*) this time next year?

Student 1: Well, that's difficult to say but I hope that I ..... (2 *travel*) round the world. Before then I ..... (3 *hopefully/save up*) enough money for the ticket. I plan to end up in Australia and when I ..... (4 *get*) there I'll get a job and earn some money. So, in a year's time I ..... (5 *probably/travel*) for a few months already. I hope that I ..... (6 *visit*) quite a lot of different countries by then too.

Teacher: What do you plan to do when you graduate?

Student 2: Well, my plans have changed a bit. I ..... (7 *do*) a journalism course, but I didn't get accepted. So I've sorted something else out and I ..... (8 *start*) a hospitality course tomorrow, actually. It's for six months, so I ..... (9 *not/finish*) in time to go travelling next spring, unfortunately. However, as soon as I ..... (10 *find out*) if I've passed the course, I can apply for a job in a hotel in Australia.

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D Test practice

Academic Writing Task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

> ***The birth rate in most developed countries is predicted to begin to fall over the next 50 years. By 2030 it is estimated that over one third of the population in most developed countries will be aged 65 and over.***
>
> ***What effects will these predictions have on developed countries if they prove true? What can be done now to deal with this situation?***

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

Grammar focus task

Look at the extract from a model answer below. Fill in the gaps with the verbs in the box in the correct future tense.

be	pay	rise	work

... By 2030 the percentage of the population aged 65 or older 1 ..... significantly, to more than 30%. This means that fewer people 2 ....., and therefore fewer people 3 ..... income tax. In the future it may be necessary for governments to increase the official retirement age to 70 or even older. When today's 30-year-olds 4 ..... in their sixties it is unlikely that they will enjoy the relaxed lifestyle that today's older generation can expect when they give up work.

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