

Exercise 6

Read the sentences and look at the future forms in bold. Why is the future used? Match the explanations in the box with the sentences.

We often use "going to" to make predictions based on evidence.

We often use "going to" to talk about plans that we made earlier.

We often use the present continuous to talk about fixed arrangements for future dates / times.

We often use will to make decisions while we're speaking.

We often use will to make predictions based on our own opinions.

We often use will to make promises and offers to help somebody.

1. **A:** My company's trying to recruit a new IT manager at the moment.

B: Really? OK, so maybe I'll **apply**.

2. Thanks for coming for an interview. We'll **contact** you in the next few days to tell you our decision.

3. **A:** Why are you updating your CV?

B: Because I'm **going to apply** for a new job.

4. My boss **is retiring** at the end of this month.

5. They'll **probably offer** the job to someone else. I've got a bad feeling about it.

6. Everyone knows they've got too many employees, so they're **probably going to lose** a lot of people.