

Task 1. Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 Nine o'clock's too late to arrive. The concert **will start** / **will be starting** / **will have started** by then.
- 2 You can use my desk. I **won't use** / **won't be using** / **won't have** used it tomorrow as I'm away.
- 3 Dr Sawali will be happy to lead a discussion during the conference as she **'ll attend** / **'ll be attending** / **'ll have attended** it anyway.
- 4 Will you still **need** / **be needing** / **have needed** me when I'm sixty-four?
- 5 Your two-day visit **will involve** / **will be involving** / **will have involved** a factory tour and several meetings.
- 6 By this time tomorrow the championship draw **will happen** / **will be happening** / **will have happened** and we'll know who we're playing.

Task 2. Use the prompts to make sentences in future perfect or continuous.

1. Don't phone her between 8 and 9p.m. (she / do / her dancing class / then)

2. They took a lot of money on their holiday, but the resort is very expensive. By the time they get back,(they/spend/it all) _____
3. Have you seen Mark? I need to give him a message. Don't worry. (I / see / him / at the club later)
I'll tell him then. _____
4. My brother and his wife are having a wedding anniversary party on Saturday. (they / married / ten years) _____
5. What's the best time to call Barney? Not until 6.00. (he / not finish / work before then) _____
6. Why don't you come round at about 8.30? (I / cook / dinner then) You can help me. _____

6.2 Optimism/Pessimism

Task 3. Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box. There is one phrase you do not need.

dreading / looking forward/

look on the bright side / mixed feelings/

nowhere/ upbeat /ups and downs

A: I'm so sorry to hear you lost your job. Was it a shock?

B: Not really. The company's had its 1 _____ over the years and we knew it was struggling this year.

A: How sad. How do you feel about it?

B: I've got 2 _____ to be honest. On the one hand, I hadn't had a promotion for years so my career was going 3 _____ and I'm 4 _____ to a new challenge. But on the other hand, I'm 5 _____ looking for a new job. It's been years since I had an interview and all I can see is a row of young people and me all competing for the same job.

A: Well, I guess that could happen, but you can afford to be 6 about it. After all, you have more skills and experience than any of them.

Task 4. Match meanings a)-i) to the phrases and idioms.

1 Your food will be here **in no time**. c

2 Sorry, I'll have to **cut this short**. _____

3 He's **dragging his heels** over the decision to leave. _____

4 I was **making up for lost time** - you see I overslept. _____

5 I've told you **time after time** to check the spelling. _____

6 She got home **in the nick of time**. _____

7 I'm just **killing an hour or two** before my interview. _____

8 Please **take your time**. _____

9 The train should be here **any time now**. _____

- a) to spend time doing something unimportant while you are waiting for something else to happen
- b) very soon
- c) very quickly
- d) to delay doing something

- h) to do something without hurrying
- f) again and again
- g) to stop doing something earlier than you had planned
- h) at the last moment before it is too late to do something
- i) to do something quickly because you started late or worked too slowly

Task 5. Find and correct some mistakes with idioms. Write down the correct word only.

1. I wish Sam would hurry up and decide. She's really dragging her ankles.
2. Let's try to get round at least three museums. We need to make up for missed time a er our delay
3. Takuya managed to catch the last bus in the nick of hour.
4. It won't take long to get there. In fact, we'll be there in little time at all.
5. I'm sorry, we'll have to cut this meeting long. I need to get to the airport.