

# THE FUTURE

## Present Simple

- for future events which are part of a fixed timetable or programme:

Ex: The train **leaves** at 9.

- for future events in clauses of time (*when, as soon as, before, after, until...*) and condition (*if, unless, as long as...*):

Ex: I'll buy you a newspaper when I **go** out.

Complete the sentences with a suitable future form.

## Present Continuous

- for future plans or (social) arrangements (we must give the time, date and /or place):

Ex: What are you **doing** this evening? – I am **staying** at home.

## Going to

- for predictions when there are signs that something will happen in the near future: Ex: It's getting late. You **are going to miss** your train.
- for future plans or intentions that were planned before the time of speaking: Ex: I **am going to move** to Italy next month.

## Future Simple

- for things we think or believe will happen in the future (we often use the words *think, believe, expect, be sure, be afraid, hope, possibly, perhaps, certainly...*): Ex: I **think** you **will enjoy** this film.
- for (unplanned) intentions /decisions made at the moment of speaking: Ex: We seem to be lost. I'll **stop** and ask for the way home.
- for future facts: Ex: He **will be** 50 next month.
- for threats, promises, offers, requests... : Ex: Stop that or I'll **tell** your parents.
- Ex: I **will be** careful, I promise.
- with the 1st conditional: Ex: I **will visit** you later, if I have the time.

## Future Continuous

- for temporary actions that will be in progress at a certain time in the future: Ex: I **will be having** dinner at 7 pm.
- for things that are already planned, or which are part of a regular routine: Ex: I **will be driving** into town later on. Can I give you a lift?
- for polite enquiries about people's plans /decision: Ex: Will you **be going** out this evening?

## Future Perfect

- for actions that will happen / be completed by a certain time in the future: Ex: I **will have finished** my homework by the time you get back.
- It is often used with a time expression using *by* + a point in future time (*then, the time...*)

1. We will go out as soon as we \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) this.

2. By the time we get there, the film \_\_\_\_\_ (begin).

3. Look at those clouds. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).

4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her this evening.

5. Don't call at 6.00. I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my homework then.

6. Perhaps I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you tomorrow.

7. I forgot the car keys. – Don't worry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) them for you.

8. What time \_\_\_\_\_ the next train \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)?

9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) all his money by the end of the week.

10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) all my debts in a week's time.

11. Stop that, or I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) your parents.

12. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) French.

13. This time next week he \_\_\_\_\_ (camp) in the mountains.

14. Have you heard? Linda \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new house.

15. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in ten years' time?

16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you move if I get here on time.

17. Stay in your seat until the bell \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).

18. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (use) your car at the weekend? - I guess I will.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the action movie? – Yes, I am.

20. He \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in Paris by the end of the day.