Grammar | Expressing the future

Look at the sentences a-d and identify the tenses in bold.

a. I'm metting the visitors at three o'clock
b. His train arrives at four
c. I'm going to take a gap year
d. I'll begin with the artichokes and goat's cheese salad.

Read the sentences in activity 1 again and asnwer the questions

1. Which sentence describes an arrangements? .....
2. Which sentence describes a personal plan or intention?.....
3. In which sentence is a decision taken at the time of speaking? .....
4. Which sentence involves a timetable or a regular event? .....

Complete these two conversation using the future simple or going to future

Convesation 1

Martin: What ..... (we / do) this weekend, Phoebe?
Phoebe: I don't know. Why don't we invite Rebecca and Steven for dinner?
Martin: That's a great idea. I ..... (phone) them straightaway.

Conversation 2

Carmen: What ..... (we/get) Harriet for her birthday?
Miles: I know, I ..... (buy) her some flowers.
Carmen: Good idea! And I .....(get) her a box of her favourite chocolates.
Paolo: Hi, everyone, have you thought about Harriet's birthday?
Carmen: Yes, Miles ..... (buy) her some chocolates and I ..... (get) her a box of her favourite chocolates.

Read the sentences and tick the sentence in each pair that makes a prediction.

1 a. Be careful! Someone is going to get hurt. .....
b. I'm going to meet him next Wednesday with Alexandra. .....

2 a. You should give couch surfing a try.
b. I should get there at around seven.

3. a. I'll email you the website details.
b. He'll be tired after the journey.

Read the sentences above again and answer the questions

1. Which sentence gives advice? .....
2. Which sentence is a spontaneous offer? .....
3. Which sentence expresses an intention? .....

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Look at the sentences a-c and answer the questions 1-3

a. Kate will be waiting at the station.
b. I didn't know it was going to be like this.
c. He'll have had time to freshen up

1. Which sentence uses the future perfect? .....
2. Which sentence uses the future in the past? .....
3. Which sentence uses the future continuous? .....

Complete sentence 1 -8 with the future continuous (will be doing), future perfect (will have done), or future in the past (was going to do)

1. If we do nothing about it very soon, in another two or three hundred years Venice .....(sink) beneath the waves.
2. My guess is that scientistis .....(already find) an environmentally friendly alternative to oil long before it runs out.
3. It's not your fault you're late. You didn't know that the car ..... (break down)
4. This time tomorrow we ..... (eat) seafood and ..... (watch) the sun set over Cascais beach.
5. By August he ..... (have) the same car for ten years.
6. Don't worry, I ..... (wait) for you at the end of the platform.
7. That's not fair. How was I to know that the restaurant ..... (be) full?
8. Hurry up, otherwise they .....(eat) all the food by the time we get there.

Extra Information

Some adjectives have a future meaning. Look at the adjectives (in bold) in sentences a-c and answer the questions 1-3

a. She's likely to be feeling a bit sad.
b. He's bound to want dome time to himself.
c. A taxi is due to pick us up.

1. Which sentence means something is schedule? .....
2. Which sentence means something is certain? .....
3. Which sentence means something is highly possible? .....

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