

# Future Forms

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6 Listen and repeat. Then act out.



| Future Simple (Will)   | Be going to   | Future Continuous   | Future Perfect  |
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| <p>decisions taken at the moment of speaking (on-the-spot decisions)<br/><i>It's getting dark, I'll turn on the light.</i></p>   | <p>future plans and intentions<br/><i>Now that they've settled in their new house, they're going to have a party.</i></p>   | <p>actions in progress at a stated future time<br/><i>He'll be sunbathing in Hawaii this time next week.</i></p>  | <p>actions which will have finished before a stated future time<br/><i>She will have come back by the end of July.</i></p> <p>Note: <i>by</i> or <i>not ... until / till</i> are used with the Future Perfect. <i>Until / till</i> are normally used with the Future Perfect only in negative sentences.<br/><i>She will have finished by 8 o'clock.</i> (NOT: <i>until/till</i>)<br/><i>She won't have finished until 8 o'clock.</i></p> |
| <p>hopes, fears, threats, offers, promises, warnings, predictions, requests, comments, etc. especially with: <i>expect, hope, believe, I'm sure, I'm afraid, probably, etc.</i><br/><i>I'm afraid I'll be a little late.</i></p> | <p>predictions based on what we can see or what we know, especially when there is evidence<br/><i>Ann is going to have a baby.</i><br/><i>Look at the dark clouds in the sky! It's going to rain.</i></p> | <p>actions which are the result of a routine (instead of the Present Continuous)<br/><i>I'll be seeing John tomorrow.</i> (We work in the same office so we'll definitely meet.)</p>                              | <p><b>Future Perfect Continuous</b></p> <p>emphasis on the duration of an action up to a certain time in the future<br/><i>By the end of this year, Sally will have been working here for two years.</i></p>  |
| <p>future predictions based on what we think / imagine will happen<br/><i>They'll probably go shopping on Tuesday.</i> (prediction)</p> <p>facts in the future<br/><i>He will be ten next year.</i></p>                          | <p>things we are sure about or we have already decided to do in the near future<br/><i>Max is going to invite his friends to dinner.</i><br/>(He has already decided to do this.)</p>                     | <p>when we ask politely about people's arrangements to see if they can do sth for us or because we want to offer to do sth for them<br/><i>Will you be going to the supermarket? Can you buy me some tea?</i></p> | <p><b>Present Simple (future meaning)</b></p> <p>timetables / programmes<br/><i>The plane reaches London at 9:45 pm.</i></p>  |
|  |   |   | <p><b>Present Continuous (future meaning)</b></p> <p>fixed arrangements in the near future<br/><i>Sally is seeing her dentist tomorrow afternoon.</i> (Sally has already made an appointment.)</p>  |

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#### Time expressions used with:

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| Will / Be going to / Future Continuous | tomorrow, tonight, next week / month, in two / three, etc. days, the day after tomorrow, soon, in a week / month, etc. |
| Future Perfect                         | before, by, by then, by the time, until (is used only in negative sentences with this tense)                           |
| Future Perfect Continuous              | by ... for <i>By the end of next month, she will have been teaching for thirty years.</i>                              |

#### Shall is used:

with I/we in questions, suggestions, offers or when asking for advice.

*Shall we play tennis? What shall I do?*

#### Will is used:

to express offers, threats, promises, predictions, warnings, requests, hopes, fears, on-the-spot decisions, comments (mainly with: think, expect, believe, I'm sure, hope, know, suppose and probably). *I hope he'll be on time.*

#### 1 Fill in: will, won't or shall.

Mum: Anna! 1) .... *Will* .... you please stop making so much noise? I 2) ..... never finish what I'm doing if you aren't quiet.

Anna: But Mum, what 3) ..... I do? If I don't practise, I 4) ..... pass my violin exam tomorrow.

Mum: And I 5) ..... be in trouble at work if I don't finish this report.

Anna: 6) ..... I go to Jessica's house then? She's taking the exam as well and we can practise together.

Mum: That's a great idea. Call me when you've finished and I 7) ..... come and pick you up.

#### 2 Complete the sentences using will or be going to. Then identify if the situation is a prediction based on what we think or an intention.



1 They .... *are going to* .... play tennis.  
..... *intention* .....



2 I think you ..... be a great pianist one day.



3 He ..... send a letter to his friend Ben.



4 Number 2 ..... probably win the race.



5 They ..... wash the dog.



6 More people ..... drive electric cars in the future.

## 3 Match the sentences (1–11) with the correct description (a–k).

1  e Look out! That dog is going to bite you.

2  I'll be flying to Morocco this time tomorrow.

3  She is worried that he'll be angry.

4  By 11 o'clock she'll have been waiting for five hours.

5  The London train arrives at 4:45 pm.

6  I'm seeing my bank manager this morning.

7  When I'm older, I'm going to learn to drive.

8  I think I'll make some tea. Do you want some?

9  He'll have finished by tomorrow afternoon.

10  Will you be going into town today?

11  I think Anna will become a great artist one day.

a fixed arrangement in the near future

b action which will be finished before a stated future time

c timetable

d fear about the future

e evidence that something will definitely happen in the near future

f future intention

g action in progress at a stated future time

h emphasis on the duration of an action up to a certain time in the future

i on-the-spot decision

j polite enquiry about people's arrangements

k prediction

## 4 Fill in the correct future form, then identify the speech situations.



..... *Shall I post* ..... (post)  
this letter for you?

1 ..... *offer* .....



I .....  
(get) a taxi. The bus is late.

2 .....  
.....



Look! He .....  
..... (fall).

3 .....  
.....



(you/use) your car tonight?  
Can I borrow it, Dad?

4 .....  
.....



I .....  
(finish) by 7 o'clock tonight.

5 .....  
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Don't come at 6 o'clock this  
evening. I .....  
..... (do) my homework.

6 .....  
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5 Fill in: *by* or *until*.

- 1 What time will you have finished painting your room? I will have finished ..... *by* ..... 7 o'clock, I hope.
- 2 Are you seeing Julie tonight? No, I will have already left ..... the time she gets here.
- 3 Have they built their house yet? No, they won't have built it ..... the end of May.
- 4 Will you have finished your essay ..... tomorrow? No, I won't have finished it ..... Tuesday.
- 5 I'll have been working here for ten years ..... the end of this month.
- 6 I won't have finished the book ..... Friday.