

Grammar: Talking about the future



1. Future Simple (will + verb)
2. Future with "going to"

Key differences between future simple and future with "going to":

- Intention vs. Prediction: The future simple is often used to talk about general future actions or events, while the future with "going to" is commonly used to express plans or intentions that have already been made.
- Spontaneity: The future simple is used to describe spontaneous decisions or actions, whereas the future with "going to" usually implies prior planning.
- Certainty: The future with "going to" is often used when there is evidence or present circumstances that indicate a future outcome, providing a sense of certainty. The future simple, on the other hand, can be used for predictions or future possibilities without any specific evidence or certainty.

3. Future with Present Continuous:

The future with the present continuous tense is used to talk about scheduled or planned future events. Examples: I am flying to Paris next week. / They are staying at a luxurious resort during their vacation. / She is meeting her family for a reunion.

It's important to note that these tenses can often overlap in usage, and the choice depends on the speaker's intention and the context of the sentence.

Put the verbs in bold in the correct verb tense (future simple, future with "going to" or future with present continuous).

1. We each other again someday. **see** (Prediction or assumption about a future event)
2. I to London next month. **travel** (Confirmed travel arrangement or plan)
3. We on a vacation next summer. **go** (General future action without specific plans)
4. I my grandparents at the end of the month. **visit** (Specific plan or intention for the future)
5. She a famous actress one day. **become** (Prediction or assumption about a future event)
6. He a new job next week. **start** (Future event that has been scheduled or arranged)
7. They business partners. **be** (Future plan or intention that has already been decided)