4.2 Grammar

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will

I'll send you a photo. (spontaneous decision)
I won't miss the British weather. (prediction)

be going to

I'm going to work there. (plan)
It's going to be great. (prediction based on facts)

Present Continuous

My uncle is starting a new business this summer. (arrangement)

Present Simple

My flight leaves the day after we finish school. (schedule)

Look at the future forms of *can* and *must*.
I can go swimming. → *I'll be able to go swimming.*
You must come and visit me. → *You'll have to come and visit me.*

1 ● Choose the correct option.

1 Naomi was rude to several customers and she *'s going to get* / *will get* fired from her job at the café!
2 We need to hurry – the lesson *starts* / *will start* in ten minutes.
3 I don't know how to prepare for the job interview. *Will* / *Do* you help me?
4 I *will meet* / *'m meeting* my friends for lunch at 1 p.m. tomorrow.
5 I *look* / *'m going to look* for a part-time job next month.

2 ●● Complete the text messages with the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Did you remember to buy milk?

Oh no, sorry! I'*ll get* (get) some on the way home. 😊

2 What are you up to this weekend?

I _____ (meet) Louis and Amelia for a pizza on Saturday evening. Want to come?

3 Jane had an interview for a summer job today, didn't she?

Yes, and I think she _____ (get) the job. It sounds perfect for her.

3 ●●● Choose the correct answer.

Leo: Have you got any plans for the summer, Ava?
Ava: Not really. I think I [1]___ at home. What about you?
Leo: I [2]___ a summer job – it's all arranged.
Ava: Wow, really? What [3]___ do?
Leo: Well, I [4]___ at the publishing company my aunt works for – she's an editor there. I can choose whether I want to work in the office or have training as a journalist.
Ava: And what [5]___?
Leo: I [6]___ as a journalist. I think it [7]___ more interesting than office work.
Ava: Definitely! That sounds great, Leo. I'm jealous! You [8]___ tell me all about it when you're there.
Leo: Of course! I [9]___ you on the first day to let you know how I'm getting on.
Ava: Please do. Oh, is that the time? I should go. My train [10]___ in three minutes! See you!
Leo: Bye, Ava. Speak soon!

1 (a) 'll just relax b 'm just relaxing c just relax
2 a 'm getting b 'll get c get
3 a do you b will you c are you going to
4 a work b 'm going to work c 'll work
5 a you are doing b do you do c are you going to do
6 a 'm going to train b 'll train c train
7 a is being b be c will be
8 a 'll must b 'll have to c 're having to
9 a 'm texting b 'll text c 'm going to text
10 a leaves b will leave c can leave

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