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The Future

Read the theory and solve.

A Read this extract from a novel and underline the correct future forms for 1–10.

Lynn's Decision

Steve and Stuart took their coffees to a table at the far end of the café and sat down. Steve spoke first. 'Have you heard that Lynn 1 gives up/is giving up her job next week? She's already handed in her notice and she says that she 2 's going to do/ 's doing something more interesting.'

Stuart tutted and sighed with disapproval. 'Well, I 3 'll tell/'m telling you what I think. I think she 4 's regretting/'s going to regret it because she 5 won't get/doesn't get a better job.'

Steve was more sympathetic. 'I don't know about that,' he said. 'She thinks that she 6 's finding/'ll find something she prefers. She reckons it 7 'll be/'s being easy. As a matter of fact, she 8 's going/'ll go somewhere for an interview next week.'

Stuart was not convinced. 'The way things are at the moment, I'm sure it 9 's going to take/'s taking her a long time to get what she wants. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised to find out that she 10 'll look/'s looking six months from now.'

B Read this letter and underline the correct future forms for 1–10.

Dear Eddie,

There isn't much news from here except that the local festival 1 starts/will start tomorrow. I 2 'm not taking part/don't take part myself, but some of my friends, who have a group, 3 play/are playing in it.

There 4 's being/'ll be a concert in the square in the evening and that's where they 5 'll be performing/perform. Most of the local people, especially the young ones, 6 go/will be going there and I'm really looking forward to it because I think it 7 's going to be/'s being great fun.

I 8 'm letting/'ll let you know how it went and maybe I 9 'll send/'m going to send you some photos.

I 10 'm writing/'ll write to you again soon,

Claudia

C Complete this conversation from a novel by putting the verbs in the correct tenses. There is sometimes more than one correct answer.

Meeting Up



Ruth was sitting at her desk trying to sort the problem out when the phone rang. She answered it nervously, expecting more trouble.

'Hi, it's Pete,' a friendly voice said. She was relieved. 'Listen, 1 ..... (you do) anything tonight?' he asked.

'Yeah,' she said, trying to focus on her social life, 'I 2 ..... (meet) some friends in a bar after work.'

'Well, what about one evening next week? We haven't seen each other for weeks,' said Pete. She reached for her diary. 'Hang on a minute. I 3 ..... (look) in my diary.' She turned some pages, had a quick look and then said, 'Well, I 4 ..... (not be able to) see you on Monday because I've got a meeting that always 5 ..... (go on) until quite la

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'Well, what about after the meeting? Say, around 8.30?'

'I'm afraid not,' said Ruth. 'At 8.30 I 6 ..... (sit) in traffic on my way home from the meeting. It's out of town and it usually 7 ..... (not end) until after 8.'

'OK, what about Tuesday?'

'Well, you 8 ..... (not believe) this, but I've taken up fitness training and the classes are on Tuesday evenings. You see, I've decided that I 9 ..... (start) getting fit.'

'Good for you,' said Pete. 'So, is Wednesday any good?'

'Let me see,' she said, looking at her diary again. 'Well, I 10 ..... (see) a client from 2 till 5 but I 11 ..... (not do) anything after that. 12 ..... (we fix up) something for Wednesday, then?'

'At last!' said Pete, laughing. '13 ..... (we meet) in The Shangri-La at 7?'

'Fine,' said Ruth. I 14 ..... (see) you there.'



D **Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using *was/were going to*, *be about to*, *be on the point of*, *be* + infinitive with *to*, or *be due to* and including the word in bold.**

1 According to the timetable, their plane arrives at 4.55.
due
Their plane ..... at 4.55.

2 The programme you want to watch starts in one minute, so come in and sit down.
about
The programme you want to watch ....., so come in and sit down.

3 The annual meeting will be held next month.
is
The annual meeting ..... next month.

4 My intention was to phone you last night but I forgot.
going
I ..... you last night but I forgot.

5 On the instructions it says that you should call this number if the computer stops working.
are
On the instructions, it says that ..... this number if the computer stops working.

6 If you'll listen to me, I'm going to explain what happened in a few seconds.
just
If you'll listen to me ..... explain what happened.

7 They had arranged to get married last month but they had to cancel it.
going
They ..... married last month but they had to cancel it.

8 This bill should have been paid two weeks ago.
due
This bill ..... two weeks ago.

9 He didn't know at the time that it would be his last visit to the place.
was
He didn't know at the time that ..... his last visit to the place.

10 I thought that he would lose his temper in a few seconds.
about
I thought that ..... his temper.

11 He regretted his decision years later.
was
Years later, ... his decision.

12 If he hadn't arrived at that moment, I would have gone home a few seconds later.
point
I was ..... home when he arrived.

Teacher Daniela.



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