

## Future time

(present continuous, **will**, **be going to**, present simple)

## Present continuous

For the form of the present continuous, see Unit 1.

## Form

## Use

## Example

Arrangements

*We're driving to Berlin this weekend.*

## Watch out!

- Things we want to do in the future but have not arranged are called 'intentions'. We do not use the present continuous for intentions. We use **be going to** instead.  
*✗ I'm becoming an explorer when I grow up.*
- We do not use the present continuous for predictions. We use **will** or **be going to** instead.  
*✗ Do you think you're enjoying your trip to Berlin next week?*

## will

## Form

## will + bare infinitive

## statement

*I/you/he/she/it/we/they **will** ('ll) go ...*

## negative

*I/you/he/she/it/we/they **will not** ('won't) go ...*

## question

*Will I/you/he/she/it/we/they go ...?*

## Use

## Example

Facts about the future

*The new airport **will** be the biggest in Europe.*

Predictions

*You'll have a great time in the Bahamas.*

Offers and requests

*We'll help you get ready for your holiday.*

Decisions made now

*I know! I'll go to China this summer.*

## Watch out!

- With offers which are questions, we use **Shall** with **I** and **we**.  
*✓ Shall I drive you to the airport?*
- We do not use **will** for arrangements.  
*✗ We'll visit my grandma this weekend.*

## be going to

## Form

## be going to + bare infinitive

## statement

*I am ('m) going to travel ...*

## negative

*I am ('m) not going to travel ...*

## question

*Am I going to travel ...?**He/she/it is ('s) going to travel ...**He/she/it is not (isn't / 's not) going to travel ...**Is he/she/it going to travel ...?**You/we/they are ('re) going to travel ...**You/we/they are not (aren't / 're not) Are you/we/they going to travel ...?*

## Use

## Example

Intentions

*I'm going to become an explorer when I grow up.*

Predictions (often with evidence we can see)

*It's going to rain, so take an umbrella.*

Facts about the future

*The new airport is going to be the biggest in Europe.*

## Present simple

## Form

For the form of the present simple, see Unit 1.

## Use

## Example

Timetables

*My plane **leaves** at six.*

**A** Look at Shelley's diary and use the prompts to write sentences. Use the correct form of the present continuous.

meet Alison - Friends
Cafe
go shopping - Mum
catch train - Brighton
spend day - Charlie in Brighton
catch train - home - 10 am
work - Dad's shop - all morning

- 1 On Monday, she .....
- 2 On Tuesday, she .....
- 3 On Wednesday, she .....
- 4 On Thursday, she .....
- 5 On Friday, she .....
- 6 On Saturday, she .....

**B** Complete using *will* or *shall* and the verbs in the box. You may have to use some negative forms.

be • come • find • have • lend • live • take • visit

- 1 This year, more than a million tourists ..... our local area.
- 2 I'm sure we ..... your bag soon. Where did you last see it?
- 3 ..... you ..... me some money until Saturday?
- 4 Everything on the menu looks delicious! Erm ... I ..... Chicken Kiev, please.
- 5 I ..... you to the bus station, if you like.
- 6 One day, people ..... on Mars in special buildings.
- 7 No, there ..... any problems with delivering your new furniture next week.
- 8 ..... we ..... at six to help you get things ready for dinner?

**C** Complete using the correct form of *be going to* and the verbs in brackets. You may have to use some negative forms.

- 1 When I grow up, I ..... (**play**) guitar in a rock group!
- 2 Rick and Mark ..... (**start**) going to the gym twice a week.
- 3 ..... Lauren ..... (**tell**) her mum about what happened?
- 4 I ..... (**look**) on the Internet for information about snowboarding.
- 5 No, Nadine ..... (**invite**) everyone from class – just her close friends.
- 6 ..... Harry ..... (**be**) ready on time or not?
- 7 Careful! You ..... (**break**) something with that ball! Go outside!
- 8 I ..... (**lie down**) for half an hour. Call me at six o'clock.

**D** Complete using the correct present simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive • come • leave • take

'I'm so excited about my holiday! My plane (1) ..... the airport here at nine o'clock and we (2) ..... in Paris two hours later. We then (3) ..... the train from the airport to the city. We'll have a great week, and then we (4) ..... back on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I can't wait!'

**E** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 Oscar says he **is doing / will do** the washing-up after dinner.
- 2 I'm a bit scared because I **am seeing / will see** the dentist this afternoon.
- 3 What **are you going to do / do you do** this evening?
- 4 **Shall you tell / Will you tell** Rupert I'm sorry about yesterday?
- 5 My dad **will grow / is going to grow** a beard, but my mum doesn't like the idea.
- 6 I have to revise tonight because we **are having / will have** an exam tomorrow.
- 7 **I am remembering / will remember** this day for the rest of my life!
- 8 **Do you go / Are you going** to Australia next Christmas?
- 9 I'm sure you **are passing / will pass** your driving test. Don't worry.
- 10 If you want me to, I **will complain / am going to complain** to the manager about it.

**F** Choose the correct answer.