THEME 2

Different ways to talk about the future

We use *the future with will* for spontaneous decisions and predictions about the future, usually with *perhaps* and *probably* or after the verbs *think, believe, hope, be sure,* etc.

"Tea or coffee?" "I'll have tea, please."

We'll probably go there tomorrow.

I think she will come here by 10 p.m.

I hope I'll get there on time.

I'm sure he'll be the champion.

We use *the future with be going to* for future plans and intentions.

My father is going to see his dentist next week.

My friend is studying medicine. He's going to be a doctor.

We aren't going to be at home tomorrow. We're going to visit our grandparents.

We use *the Present Continuous* for future actions related to personal arrangements.

I'm flying to London tomorrow.

We're going to Madrid next Wednesday.

Katie is having a garden party this evening.

We use *the Present Simple* for future actions related to official timetables or programs.

The graduation ceremony starts at 2 p.m. next Sunday.

The plane arrives at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

A. Underline the correct verb form.

1. We *will send/ are going to send* the invitation cards this weekend.
2. I think Arnold *is going to win/ will win* the game.
3. Michael and Brandon *go/ are going* to Bill's fancy dress party this evening.
4. The wedding ceremony *starts/ will start* at 8 p.m. tomorrow.
5. My sister *will study/ is going to study* physics at university.
6. We've bought the tickets. We *are travelling/ will travel* to Rome next Friday.
7. The girls *will probably make/ are probably going to make* the birthday cake for him.
8. Everything is ready. We *will fly/ are flying* to Barcelona in three hours.
9. The Liverpool train *leaves/ will leave* at 7:15 p.m. tomorrow.
10. Zoe and Andrew *will get/ are getting* married next Saturday.

B. Use the correct verb form to complete the sentences.

1. **A:** What time ..... the concert ..... (start) next Thursday?
   B: It ..... (start) at 10 p.m.
2. **A:** What are your plans for this evening?
   B: I ..... (watch) a DVD with my flatmates.
3. **A:** Do you want to buy the blue T-shirt or the green one?
   B: I ..... (buy) the blue one.
4. **A:** I can't come to see you tonight.
   B: Why?
   A: Because I ..... (finish) my maths project.
5. **A:** Helen's late for work again.
   B: I'm sure the boss ..... (get) very angry with her.
6. **A:** What do you think about the new footballer's performance?
   B: Well, he's really talented. Perhaps he .... (score) lots of goals during the tournament next month.
7. The supermarket ..... (open) at 10 a.m. tomorrow.
8. **A:** I can't solve this geometry problem!
   B: Don't worry. I ..... (help) you with it.
   A: Thanks.

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