2.5 Future in the past

A number of forms can be used to talk about a past activity or event that was still in the future from the point of view of the speaker:

*I **was going to see** an aunt in Seattle a couple of years ago, but I cancelled the trip because she got ill.* (= a plan that didn't happen)

*I knew I **would be feeling** awful by the end of the flight.* (= a prediction made in the past)

Grammar exercises

3.1 Complete the sentences using the verbs in the box. Choose the most appropriate form.

miss / will miss	will have / am having	is going to melt / is melting
persuades / will persuade	will be enjoying / enjoys	~~am starting out / will start out~~
will rise / are to rise	see / are going to see	

1 **A:** Do you want to come out for a meal tonight?
B: I 'm starting out early tomorrow morning – my flight's at six – so I don't think I'll come, thanks.

2 I _____ some friends over for dinner on Saturday. Do you want to join us?

3 They reckon the Greenland ice sheet _____ within a few years.

4 **A:** Yoshi doesn't want to come on holiday with us, then.
B: He says that now, but I'm sure Hannah _____ him to change his mind.

5 By the middle of the week, temperatures _____ to 30°C.

6 I'm not sure when I'll be home tonight. Expect me when you _____ me.

7 **A:** The coach leaves Kiev at exactly 5.00 from the bus station.
B: What if I _____ it?
A: You'll have to take the train.

8 **A:** It's Lucia's first week away at university. I wonder how she's getting on?
B: I'm sure she _____ herself.

3.2 Choose the correct future form.

1 You'll freeze if you'*ll go* / *go* out dressed like that. Put on a warm coat!

2 When I retire next year, I'*m doing* / *going to do* a lot of travelling around South America.

3 Look at that stupid cyclist! He's *going to cause* / *causes* an accident.

4 **A:** What do you want done with this box?
B: If you just leave it there, I'*ll take* / *'m taking* it upstairs when I go.

5 **A:** What *are you doing* / *do you do* this evening?
B: Oh, I don't know. Maybe I'*ll Skype* / *'m Skyping* Lydia.

6 Please note that next week's concert *is commencing* / *will commence* at 7.00, not 7.30 as advertised in the programme.

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7 **A:** Adele *will do / is doing* a concert in Milan next month.

B: *Will / Shall* I book some tickets?

8 When Stefan *is / will be* 50, Sofia *is to be / will be* 18.

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