

## Future simple

- decisions taken at the moment of speaking (on-the-spot decisions)  
*I'm hungry. I'll **cook** something to eat.*
- hopes, fears, threats, offers, promises, warnings, predictions, requests, comments, etc with: *expect, hope, believe, I'm sure, I'm afraid, probably.*  
*I promise I'll **be** on time.*
- predictions based on what we think  
*He'll **probably** pass his driving test.*
- actions which will inevitably happen  
*Summer **will be** here soon.*

## be going to

- planned actions or intentions  
*Now that she's passed her exams, she's **going to train** to be a solicitor.*
- evidence that something will definitely happen in the near future  
*Those dark clouds mean it's **going to rain** soon.*



## Time expressions

tomorrow, tonight, next week/month, in two/three, etc days, the day after tomorrow, soon, in a week/month, etc

## Future continuous

- actions in progress at a stated future time  
*This time next year, she'll **be running** her own business.*
- actions which are the result of a routine (instead of the Present continuous)  
*I'll **be playing** tennis on Sunday. (I play tennis every Sunday – it's part of my routine.)*
- when we ask politely about people's arrangements to see if they can do sth for us or because we want to offer to do sth for them  
*Will you **be going** shopping at the supermarket today?  
Can you **buy** me some milk?*

## Future perfect

- actions that will be finished before a stated future time  
*They **will have emigrated** to Canada by Christmas.*
- actions which will have lasted up to a point in the future  
*He **will have worked** for us for two years next May.*

**Note:** *by* or *not ... until/till* are used with the Future perfect. *Until/till* are normally used with the Future perfect only in negative sentences.

*He **will have completed** his studies **by the end** of the year. (NOT: ~~till/until~~) He won't have arrived **until** tonight.*



## Time expressions

before, by, by then, by the time, until/till

## Future perfect continuous

duration of an action that started in the past and will continue up to a certain time in the future

*By May, he **will have been teaching** for 35 years.*



## Time expressions

by ... for

## Present simple (future meaning)

timetables/programmes

*The play **begins** at 7 o'clock this evening.*

## Present continuous (future meaning)

fixed arrangement in the near future

*She's **meeting** her aunt this weekend.*

• We can also use these expressions to refer to the future: *be on the verge of ...*, *be about to ...*, *be on the point of ...*, *be due to ...*

• We never use future forms after: *as long as*, *as soon as*, *after*, *before*, *by the time*, *if* (conditional), *unless*, *in case*, *until/till*, *when* (time conjunction), *whenever*, *while*, *once*, *suppose/supposing*, *on condition that*, etc.  
*Let's buy some extra food in case they **call** round.*  
(NOT: ~~in case they will call round~~)

• **when** used as a question word and **if** meaning "whether" (especially after *I don't know*, *I doubt*, *I wonder*, etc) can be used with future forms.  
*When **will** he bring the books back? We don't know if he **will be** appointed to the post or not. (= whether)*

**13 Choose the correct option.**

- This time next week, we \_\_\_\_\_ to New York.  
A will fly                      B will be flying  
C will have been flying
- By the time we get there, the shop \_\_\_\_\_.  
A will close                      B is closing  
C will have closed
- There's someone at the door. I \_\_\_\_\_ see who it is.  
A will go                      B going                      C will be going
- I doubt if Paul \_\_\_\_\_ by midnight.  
A returns                      B will return                      C is returning
- The train \_\_\_\_\_ at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.  
A leaves                      B will leave                      C will have left
- We \_\_\_\_\_ a film later – want to join us?  
A will watch                      B will have watched  
C are going to watch
- Take an umbrella with you in case it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A rains                      B will rain  
C will be raining
- Ask Helen if you can use her laptop. I'm sure she \_\_\_\_\_.  
A won't mind                      B doesn't mind  
C won't have minded
- By September, I \_\_\_\_\_ English for five years.  
A will be studying                      B will have studied  
C will have been studying
- "Will you \_\_\_\_\_ to the concert tonight?"  
"Yes – do you want a lift?"  
A be going                      B gone  
C have been going
- We've just bought Emily this watch. Do you think she \_\_\_\_\_ it?  
A will wear                      B is wearing  
C will have worn
- He's playing really badly. There's no way \_\_\_\_\_ this match.  
A he's winning                      B he'll be winning  
C he's going to win
- Wendy and I \_\_\_\_\_ married in the summer. We've already agreed on the date.  
A are getting                      B will be getting  
C will have been getting
- The company is \_\_\_\_\_ closing down.  
A is due to                      B is about to  
C on the verge of

**14 Put the verbs in brackets into the Future continuous, Future perfect or the Future perfect continuous.**

- The guests are coming at 8 pm. I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) cooking by then.
- Don't call after 11 o'clock because she \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) then.
- By Christmas, I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London for three years.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/paint) all the doors till Tuesday.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball with my friends on Sunday, as usual.
- By five o'clock, they \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the beach for four hours.
- "\_\_\_\_\_ (you/use) the car tonight?" "No, you can take it."
- Do you think she \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the doctor by four o'clock?
- By next April, he \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) for twelve years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you/wait) for her when her plane arrives?

**15 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct future tense.**

**A** 6:30 AM 100%  
Hi, Bill. It's 6 am and I've just got to the office. I  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ (call) our partner in Hong Kong at  
7 am. Then I 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) three new  
clients. Today I 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) work at 3  
and after that I 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (play) golf with  
the boss, as usual on a Wednesday afternoon. But  
first, I'm about to have a video conference with our  
Dubai office. I doubt if I 5) \_\_\_\_\_ (have)  
time to send you those files you need today.

**B** Amy  
Hi Amy. I still can't believe it! This time tomorrow,  
I 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (shop) in Vienna!  
I 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(stay) with Hilda and her family for three days, and by  
Tuesday I 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) every museum  
in the city. Then we 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (probably/  
spend) a week skiing in Innsbruck, and if we have time, we  
5) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Salzburg as well. I'm sure we  
6) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a wonderful time. By the end of my  
trip, I 7) \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) around  
Austria for nine days. Well, I must go now. My plane  
8) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) in a few hours. I 9) \_\_\_\_\_  
(call) you as soon as I 10) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) back. Bye!



## 16 Choose the correct option.

- This time next week, we \_\_\_\_ in Italy.  
A are skiing                      C will have skied  
B will have been skiing      D will be skiing
- Robert \_\_\_\_ to Manchester next month.  
A will have been moving      C moves  
B is moving                      D will have moved
- Sandra fears she \_\_\_\_ everything by the time her guests arrive.  
A won't have prepared      C won't prepare  
B won't be preparing      D isn't preparing
- Peter \_\_\_\_ football practice on Mondays at 7 pm.  
A is having                      C will have  
B will be having              D has
- My little brother \_\_\_\_ six next month.  
A is being                      C will be  
B is                              D will have been
- It's hot in here. I \_\_\_\_ the window.  
A open                          C 'll be opening  
B 'll open                      D 'll have opened
- \_\_\_\_ this book by the end of the week?  
A Are you going to read  
B Will you have been reading  
C Will you have read  
D Are you reading
- We \_\_\_\_ at a French restaurant tonight. We've already booked the table.  
A will have eaten              C are eating  
B will have been eating      D eat
- By April, Mr Johnson \_\_\_\_ in this company for twenty years.  
A is working                      C will be working  
B works                          D will have been working
- The band \_\_\_\_ at the same time next Saturday.  
A will be performing  
B will have been performing  
C will have performed  
D performs
- I'm not sure if the festival \_\_\_\_ ahead as it might rain.  
A goes                          C will have been going  
B will go                        D will have gone
- \_\_\_\_ your cousin this weekend?  
A Don't you visit              C Aren't you visiting  
B Won't you be visiting      D Won't you have visited

## 17 Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate future tense.

A

Kenwhite's one-day sale 1) \_\_\_\_ (start) this Monday. The store 2) \_\_\_\_ (open) at 8 am and early morning shoppers 3) \_\_\_\_ (be able to) enjoy shopping in peace and quiet before the crowds 4) \_\_\_\_ (arrive). We 5) \_\_\_\_ (offer) substantial discounts on ladieswear and you 6) \_\_\_\_ (come across) some real bargains in our menswear range. By the end of the day, we are sure that all of our customers 7) \_\_\_\_ (find) what they are looking for.

B

Anne Mayton's latest book *The S-Plan Diet* 1) \_\_\_\_ (be) available in bookshops soon. The new S-plan diet 2) \_\_\_\_ (help) you lose weight safely and quickly. You 3) \_\_\_\_ (not/need) to miss meals and you 4) \_\_\_\_ (not/have to) spend hours measuring out portions of food. By the end of the diet, the author guarantees you 5) \_\_\_\_ (lose) at least 7 kilos.



## 18 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use two to five words, including the word in bold.

- Jenny has arranged to meet Mark in front of the cinema.  
**GOING** Jenny and Mark \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the cinema.
- The teacher will not tolerate any disobedience in class.  
**PUT** The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ any disobedience in class.
- The play starts at 7:00, but we won't get to the theatre before 7:15.  
**HAVE** The play \_\_\_\_\_ by the time we get to the theatre.
- Next month, Chris will be celebrating ten years in the field of psychology.  
**WORKING** Next month, Chris \_\_\_\_\_ as a psychologist for ten years.
- Sarah turned down Alex and Jessica's invitation to their wedding.  
**NOT** Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ Alex and Jessica's wedding.

### 19 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I can't see you tonight because I always \_\_\_\_ to the gym on Mondays.  
A am going                      C went  
B have gone                    D go
- 2 Simon looks happy – he \_\_\_\_ his maths test.  
A will pass                      C was passing  
B has passed                   D had passed
- 3 I'm sorry, Mum can't come to the phone because she \_\_\_\_ at the moment.  
A cooks                          C will be cooking  
B is cooking                    D has cooked
- 4 I wonder where Jim is; I haven't seen him \_\_\_\_ this morning.  
A already                        C for  
B since                           D just
- 5 By the time we arrived at the restaurant, they \_\_\_\_ eating.  
A had been starting           C will be starting  
B have started                D had started
- 6 You \_\_\_\_ on weight every day – you really should go on a diet.  
A will be putting               C had been putting  
B were putting                D are putting
- 7 Tim \_\_\_\_ while Pam was watching TV.  
A is sleeping                    C was sleeping  
B has slept                      D has been sleeping
- 8 By the end of next year, he \_\_\_\_ in Madrid for three years.  
A will be                         C will have been  
B is going to be                D had been
- 9 She \_\_\_\_ in Liverpool for ten years before she came to London.  
A was living                    C had been living  
B has been living               D will be living
- 10 Ann locked up the house, \_\_\_\_ in her car and drove away.  
A get                              C was getting  
B got                              D had got
- 11 She's angry with her son because he \_\_\_\_ to her.  
A used to lie                    C was lying  
B has lied                        D had lied
- 12 I promise I'll pay you back as soon as I \_\_\_\_ paid.  
A will have got                C will get  
B has got                        D get
- 13 I wish they'd be quiet – they \_\_\_\_ for hours.  
A have been talking           C were talking  
B have talked                  D had talked
- 14 By this time next week, we \_\_\_\_ in Lisbon.  
A will arrive                    C are arriving  
B will have arrived            D will be arriving
- 15 He hasn't finished the work \_\_\_\_, but he will have finished by this evening.  
A yet                              C before  
B still                              D just
- 16 Before you \_\_\_\_ answering the questions, make sure you read the passage carefully.  
A will start                      C are starting  
B start                            D have started
- 17 The president \_\_\_\_ Ohio in a week's time.  
A has visited                    C is visiting  
B visits                          D would visit
- 18 She \_\_\_\_ on the project for two days before she finished it.  
A was working                 C used to work  
B had been working            D worked
- 19 He \_\_\_\_ out with Sam when they were at university.  
A goes                            C was going  
B had been going               D used to go
- 20 He hasn't driven a car since he \_\_\_\_ that accident.  
A had                              C was having  
B has had                        D had had
- 21 Make sure you arrive on time tomorrow because the bus \_\_\_\_ for you.  
A isn't waiting                 C didn't wait  
B hasn't waited                D won't wait
- 22 Now that I've finished everything I had to do, I \_\_\_\_ a little rest.  
A was taking                    C will be taking  
B have taken                    D am going to take