

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/untill*) *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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

- 1 This time next week, we in Italy.
A are skiing C will have skied
B will have been skiing D will be skiing
- 2 Robert to Manchester next month.
A will have been moving C moves
B is moving D will have moved
- 3 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
- 4 Peter football practice on Mondays at 7 pm.
A is having C will have
B will be having D has
- 5 My little brother six next month.
A is being C will be
B is D will have been
- 6 It's hot in here. I the window.
A open C 'll be opening
B 'll open D 'll have opened
- 7 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
- 8 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
- 9 By April, Mr Johnson in this company for twenty years.
A is working C will be working
B works D will have been working
- 10 The band at the same time next Saturday.
A will be performing
B will have been performing
C will have performed
D performs
- 11 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
- 12 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.

- 1 Jenny has arranged to meet Mark in front of the cinema.
GOING Jenny and Mark in front of the cinema.
- 2 The teacher will not tolerate any disobedience in class.
PUT The teacher any disobedience in class.
- 3 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.
- 4 Next month, Chris will be celebrating ten years in the field of psychology.
WORKING Next month, Chris as a psychologist for ten years.
- 5 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