Let's talk about the future in English

1. Will **(Subject + will + base verb)**

When to use:

- Making predictions about the future
- Spontaneous decisions (deciding at the moment of speaking)
- Promises, offers, and threats
- Facts about the future

Examples:

- *"Don't worry, I'll call you later." (……..)*
- *"I think it will rain tomorrow." (……..)*
- *"I'll help you with that!" (……..)*
- *"She will be 30 next year." (……..)*

2. Be Going To **(Subject + am/is/are + going to + base verb)**

When to use:

- Plans and intentions you've already decided
- Predictions based on present evidence
- Things that seem certain to happen

Examples:

- *"She's going to have a baby in March." (……..)*
- *"I'm going to study medicine at university." (……..)*
- *"Look at those dark clouds! It's going to rain." (……..)*

3. Present Continuous **(Subject + am/is/are + verb + -ing)**

When to use:

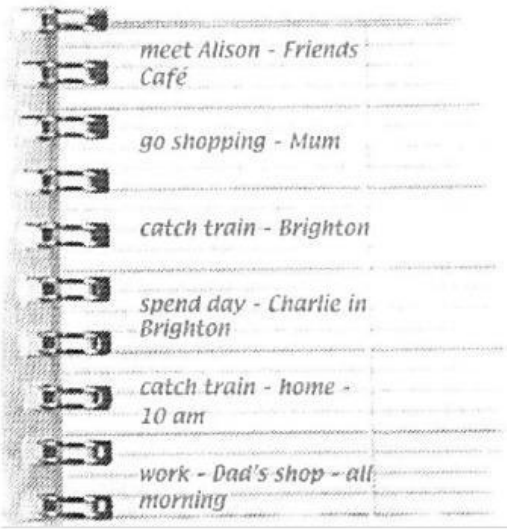
- Arranged plans and appointments
- Fixed future events with specific times/dates
- Things that are already organized

Examples:

- *"I'm meeting Tom at 3 PM tomorrow." (……..)*
- *"She's starting her new job next week." (……..)*
- *" We're flying to London on Friday." (……..)*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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



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

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.

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.

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Choose the correct answer.

1 'Have you made plans for the summer?'
'Yes. ..... to Spain.'
A We'll go B We're going C We go

2 'We're moving house tomorrow.'
'Really? ..... you with the furniture.'
A I help B I'm helping C I'll help

3 'Do you need this paintbrush?'
'Ah, yes. ..... it to me, please?'
A Do you pass B Will you pass C Are you passing

4 'What do you want to be when you grow up, Stevie?'
'..... a scientist. That's what I want to do, anyway.'
A I be B I'm going to be C I'm being

5 'John is a better player than Martin, isn't he?'
'Oh, yes. ..... the match tomorrow, I expect.'
A He'll win B He wins C He's winning

6 'The weather has been terrible, hasn't it?'
'Yes, I think ..... again later.'
A it's going to rain B it's raining C it rains

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