

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." (.....)

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

meet Alison - Friends
Café
go shopping - Mum
catch train - Brighton
spend day - Charlie in Brighton
catch train - home - 10 am
work - Dad's shop - all morning

- 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
.....
- 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.

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