

C Grammar exercises

1 Underline the most suitable form of the verbs.

To: Mark
Cc: Jo
Subject: Trip

Why don't you come with us to Yorkshire? It's all arranged. Jo *comes/is coming* (1) to my house at six so we can go to the station together. The train *doesn't leave/isn't leaving* (2) until 6.45 but we don't want to be late. It *stops/is stopping* (3) a lot on the way so it *doesn't arrive/isn't arriving* (4) until three in the afternoon. We *stay/are staying* (5) in a youth hostel and we *spend/are spending* (6) five days there. We can catch a bus some of the way from the station but it *doesn't go/isn't going* (7) all the way so we have to walk the last two miles from the village. We *have/are having* (8) breakfast and our evening meal at the youth hostel. It's in a beautiful spot with lots to see. On the way back we need to set off early as there's only one bus and it *leaves/is leaving* (9) at 8.30. The train back is faster so it *arrives/is arriving* (10) just after lunch.

2 Fill in the gaps with the present continuous or the *will*-future of the verb in brackets.

1 Tim: Where are you going?

Julie: To the cinema.

Tim: Wait for me. I think I will come (*come*) with you.

2 From next week all enquiries should be sent to Mary because Frances (*leave*) on Friday.

3 Rachel: I (*give*) Sophie a CD for her birthday. What (*you give*) her?

Fiona: I (*probably get*) her a new purse. She keeps losing money from her old one.

4 John: I need to finish packing today because we (*move*) tomorrow and there's still lots to do.

Peter: Don't worry. I (*come*) round tonight and help you.

5 The government hopes that the national strike (*not continue*)
 after next week's meeting, otherwise the economy (*not recover*)
 for years.

6 James: Never walk under a ladder or you (*have*) ten years' bad luck.
 Kay: Rubbish!

7 Details of the president's visit are now confirmed. He (*stay*) at the Castle Hotel for two days.

8 Assistant: We have milk chocolate, plain chocolate, with nuts, with fruit.
 Man: Er ... what a lot of choice. I (*have*) a bar of milk chocolate, please.

9 Sarah: (*you do*) anything special next Saturday?
 Lee: Yes, I am. My cousin (*arrive*) from Italy so I (*drive*) to the airport in the afternoon to meet him.

10 Carol: Have you finished that book I lent you?
 Sam: Oh sorry. I forgot all about it. I (*get*) it now.

3 Read the following situations. Write about what you think will happen.

1 Anna has two cousins called Rebecca Smith and Rebecca Jones. Anna gets on very well with Rebecca Smith but she doesn't like Rebecca Jones. She has received letters from her cousins asking her if they can visit. She replies to them both. She wants to see Rebecca Smith but not Rebecca Jones. Unfortunately she puts the letters in the wrong envelopes.

How will her cousins feel when they receive her letters?

What will happen?

How will Anna feel when she finds out?

Example: Rebecca Smith won't understand why Anna doesn't want her to visit.

2 A tour guide has just arrived in a foreign city with a group of 30 teenagers and their teachers at the end of a long journey. They don't know it yet but when they get to the hotel where they have booked rooms they will find that their rooms have been given to a group of elderly tourists who are already asleep in the rooms.

What will happen?

What will the hotel manager do?

How will the teenagers and their teachers feel?

4 Look at the pictures and fill in the gaps with suitable verbs in the present continuous, the *will*-future, the present simple or the future continuous.



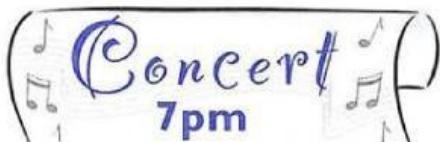
1 I expect my parents will give me books again for my birthday.



2 Sam tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.



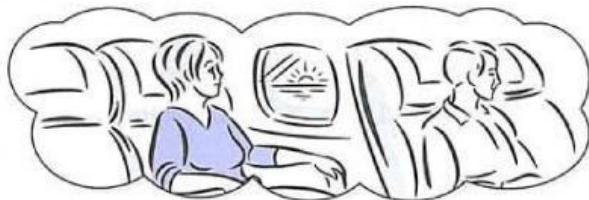
3 My grandfather on his next birthday.



4 The concert at seven pm.



5 I think I when I grow up.



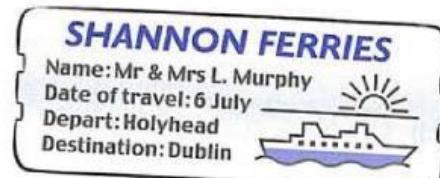
6 At midday tomorrow I over the Atlantic.



7 The sale on Friday.



8 This time next week we in Austria.



9 We to Ireland by ferry this summer.



10 Maybe my father the money I need.

3 In five of these sentences there is a verb in the wrong tense. Underline each mistake and write the correction.

- 1 I'm not going to pay you until you'll have cleaned up all this mess! you have cleaned
- 2 Before we're going to get on the train, I'm going to check that we have all our luggage.
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- 3 As soon as the guests have unpacked, you can show them round the college.
.....
- 4 Paul will probably arrive after all the others will have started work.
- 5 When you'll see David, will you ask him if he wants to come to the cinema with us?
.....
- 6 I'll collect your things from the cleaners when I'm in town.
- 7 Margaret's going to phone as soon as she'll have found out what the tickets will cost.
.....

4 These people work in a hotel. It's now twelve o'clock. How long will they have been working by two o'clock?
Write a sentence about each person, using the future perfect continuous.



- 1 chef / cook meals (started work at eight o'clock)
The chef will have been cooking meals for six hours.
- 2 secretary / type letters (started work at ten o'clock)
.....
- 3 manager / interview new staff (started work at eight-thirty)
.....
- 4 waitress/ stand in the dining-room (started work at eleven o'clock)
.....
- 5 cleaner / vacuum floors (started work at seven o'clock)
.....

5 Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use *going to*, *future in the past*, the *present simple*, *about to* or the *future perfect*.

a John: What are your plans for the weekend?

Sue: Well, we've just changed our plans, actually. We were going to have
 *(have)* (1) a barbecue on Sunday. But the weather forecast says it
 *(be)* (2) cold and windy, so we
 *(stay)* (3) indoors and watch a video.

b Beth: Is it all right for you to use the boss's office while he's on holiday?

Nick: Oh, I'm sure he won't mind when he
 *(find out)* (4) how many cars I've sold this week.

c Terry: Are you very busy this afternoon?

Eddy: Well, that depends on why you're asking. I
 *(wash)* (5) the car. Do you have a better idea?

Terry: Yes. I *(look round)* (6) the new sports club.
 Do you want to come? You can wash the car tomorrow.

Eddy: Sure. Let's go.

d Ben: Hurry up! We *(miss)* (7) the beginning of
 the concert.

Mary: Don't be silly. We've got plenty of time.

Ben: But it starts at nine. I want to arrive before the hall
 *(get)* (8) full, otherwise other people
 *(take)* (9) all the good seats by the time
 we're there.

e Laura: Do you have a moment to discuss this letter?

Bill: Well, I *(have)* (10) something to eat, and
 then I *(write)* (11) a report. Is it urgent?

Laura: Well, we *(talk)* (12) about it yesterday, but
 you were too busy then. I must reply to it today and I need your
 opinion.

Bill: OK. I *(finish)* (13) my lunch by twenty past
 one. Can you come back then?

f Chloe: By next Friday I *(work)* (14) in this office
 for three years. Nobody has ever thanked me for anything I've done, so
 I *(start)* (15) looking for another job!

D Exam practice

Reading

You are going to read a magazine feature about what people do during the time between school and university. For questions **1–15**, choose from the people **(A–E)**. Some of the people may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order. There is an example at the beginning.

Of which person or people are the following stated?

She is going to have a holiday abroad with friends.

0 A

She is confident that she will be able to find work after her holiday.

1

She is about to start a job.

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3

She intends to find a job as soon as she can.

4

She plans to spend time preparing for her course after a holiday.

5

Her parents are very happy about her academic success.

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She has no holiday plans for this summer.

8

Her parents do not want her to spend her money on a holiday.

9

She believes it will be hard for her to earn money over the summer.

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She wants to spend time with her friends at home before going to university.

11

She intends to have a good time at university.

12

She thinks earning money will make a good change from studying.

13

She does not know where she will be at the start of the summer.

14

She will have a job similar to one she's done before.

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SCHOOL'S OUT

You've finished school, passed those vital exams and got a place waiting for you at university in the autumn. What are you going to do for the next ten weeks? Prize magazine asked five girls who've just finished school about their plans for the summer.

A Angie Hook has got it all sorted. 'I'm going to be pretty busy. First I've got to get some money, because I know I won't have enough when I'm a student, and the course I'm going to follow is really demanding, so I won't be able to take a part-time job in term time. So I've signed up with a company as a temporary secretary for most of the summer. Luckily, I'm good on a word processor and I did the same sort of thing in previous years, so I've got a bit of experience behind me, which is a big help. I am going to have a break though. Just before the university term starts I'm going to have a fortnight in Spain with some of the people who've just left school with me. My mum and dad are giving me the money for that as a reward for doing well in my exams, so I won't have to use up my savings, which is really nice of them, because I know it means they'll have less to spend on their own holiday.'

B Sally Price is less certain about her plans. 'I'm definitely going to have to work before I do anything else, because I'm so short of cash. I want to go away for a holiday somewhere by the sea, and I'll have to earn enough for that, so I've got to look for a temporary job first. I think I'll find something fairly quickly. After that, it'll be too late to find any more work I expect, because other people will have taken all the jobs by then, so I'll just have a month hanging about at home, messing around with my friends and things, spending time with my parents. That'll be good really, because I'm going to be a long way from home when I'm at university and I won't see them much.'

C Tracy Chadwick says she has little choice about what to do. 'I have to spend the last month of the summer break getting ready for my course. I've got a

job in a shop for the first month until I go on my holiday. That will give my brain a rest and pay for the holiday. But I've already had this enormous reading list from the university, so as soon as I've had a couple of weeks' holiday, I'm going to settle down and get on with studying, because I don't want to be behind at the beginning of term.'

D Polly Targett would like to work. 'But the thing is, we live such a long way from town and I don't have my own car yet – I'm going to get one next year, for my birthday, but it's rather difficult to get anywhere at the moment. Well, there's a bus, early in the morning and I think there's one in the evening, but to be honest it's much easier to stay at home. I doubt whether I'll go away, because I've already been on holiday with my parents earlier in the year and anyway I'll have to do some studying before the term starts, because otherwise I'll just have to work so hard when I get to university there won't be time to enjoy myself with my friends.'

E Hilary Lee is going to start with a break. 'I'm really exhausted after all our school exams and stuff and so I'm going to have a fortnight with my parents, just relaxing completely. We're going somewhere abroad, but I don't know where, it's a surprise, a sort of present, because I've done well. I know it'll be lovely. Then I'll find a job, it doesn't matter what, just so that I can have some pocket money for the rest of the year. It won't be hard to get something, in a hotel or whatever, summer's the high season for businesses in this area. Then I'll spend a couple of weeks doing nothing much, I hope, perhaps I'll paint my bedroom or something. And that'll be it – summer'll be over. I'll be a university student.'