

Talking about the Future

The Future Tenses and Going to

Translate:

Going to	Voy a devolver ese libro mañana.	
Future simple	Creo que viajaré mucho este verano.	
Future continuous	A las 3 estaré conduciendo hacia casa.	
Future perfect	El próximo martes habré acabado el proyecto.	
Future perfect continuous	Cuando lleguen los invitados habré estado cocinando 3 horas / llevaré tres horas cocinando.	

1. Future Simple (will+infinitive) and Going to (be+going to+infinitive)- Uses

FUTURE SIMPLE	GOING TO
Promises - <i>I will never forget you.</i>	
Instant or spontaneous decisions When we decide to do something at the moment of speaking. <i>(-I am hungry.) - I'll bring you some biscuits.</i>	
Offers - <i>I'll carry those bags for you.</i>	
Opinions and future predictions based on belief. - <i>I'm sure you will pass the test.</i> <i>Men will live on the Moon one day.</i> Often accompanied by <i>I think, I am sure, Probably, Definitely, Maybe...</i>	Opinions and future predictions based on evidence - <i>Watch out! You are going to drop your glasses.</i>
	Future plans and arrangements - <i>What are you going to do this evening?</i> - <i>I'm going to paint the studio.</i> *Remember that for plans and arrangements in the near future we also use the present continuous: - <i>I am leaving in 5 minutes.</i>

2. Future continuous/progressive: **will/won't + be + ing** form

She will be painting the house – *Estará pintando*

Use: actions in progress at a particular moment in the future.

3. Future perfect: **will/won't + have + past participle**.

She will have painted the whole house. – *Habrá pintado*

Next September, we'll have been married for 50 years.

Use: actions that completed before or at a particular moment in the future.

4. Future perfect continuous/progressive: **will/won't + have + been + -ing**.

She will have been painting for 3 hours. – *Habrá estado pintando / Llevará pintando*

By next Friday, I will have been waiting for my exam results for over two months.

Use: actions happening up to a particular moment in the future. They may stop then or may continue after that moment.

Compare:

By ten o'clock I will have finished my homework. – EMPHASIS ON THE COMPLETED ACTION

By nine o'clock I'll have been working on my essay for 3 hours. – EMPHASIS ON THE DURATION, HOW LONG

Remember these time expressions we use with the future tenses:

- **By, by the time, by the end of the week, by nine o'clock...**
I'll have finished this report by the time you're home.
- **This time next week/month/year...**
This time next week I will be hiking in the mountains.
- **In a day's time, in two weeks' time, in three months' time...**
In three years' time, I'll have completed my degree.

PRACTICE

1. Complete the sentences with a form of **will** or **going to**:

- Don't sit so close To the TV. You _____ (get) a headache.
- Look at the cat! She can't get down.
- Oh, dear! I _____ (get) a ladder.
- How _____ (you/get) to the station tomorrow?
- I don't know. I _____ (probably/order) a taxi... Actually, I _____ (phone) them now and see if I can book one.
- I _____ (do) the shopping later. Is there anything you want?
- Yes, a few things. I _____ (write) you a list.
- Have you asked Brian to the concert? I've got an extra ticket for him.
- Yes, but I don't think he _____ (come). He hates classical music.
- How annoying! Well. I _____ (never/waste) money on an extra ticket again.

2. Choose the best option for each sentence:

1. By this time next week...
a. we are going to lie on the beach b. we will be lying on the beach.
2. Don't disturb me tomorrow morning because...
a. I'll be watching the match b. I'll watch the match
3. If you're too busy...
a. the au pair will take the children to school
b. the au pair will be taking the children to school.
4. She is on a very good diet. If she carries on like this ... by the end of this month.
a. she will be losing over 5 kilos b. she will have lost over 5 kilos
5. - The doctor can't see you until 5 o'clock.
- By then ... for more than four hours!
a. I will be waiting b. I will have been waiting

3. Translate:

No le contaré a nadie tu secreto.

Mañana a estas horas estaré haciendo el examen.

Para cuando llegues a la oficina ya habré acabado el informe.

¿Qué vas a hacer cuando acabes tus estudios universitarios? No lo sé aún. Creo que me tomaré un año sabático.

Probablemente viviré en un pueblo pequeño cuando me jubile.

El próximo octubre llevaré 20 años trabajando en esta fábrica.