

PRESENT SIMPLE

timetables, schedules

- *The train leaves at 5.30.*
- *The film starts at 8pm.*
- *This course ends in January, next year.*
- *What time does the train leave?*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

arrangements

- *I'm staying at Mum's tonight.*
- *Greg is giving a talk at the conference.*
- *I'm seeing my doctor tomorrow afternoon.*
- *Where are you staying tonight?*

GOING TO

plans, intentions

- *I'm going to buy a bigger car.*
- *I'm not going to give up this job.*

predictions based on evidence

- *She's going to fail her exams unless she starts studying.*
- *It's going to rain. Look at those clouds!*

WILL

spontaneous decisions

- *I'll call him and ask how he is.*

predictions, possibilities

- *I think he'll like this T-shirt.*

offers, promises

- *I'll help you.*