

THE FUTURE

1. Complete the sentences with a suitable future form.

Present Simple

- for future events which are part of a fixed timetable or programme:
Ex: The train **leaves** at 9.
- for future events in clauses of time (*when, as soon as, before, after, until...*) and condition (*if, unless, as long as ...*):
Ex: I'll buy you a newspaper when I go out.

Present Continuous

- for future plans or (social) arrangements (we must give the time, date and /or place):
Ex: What **are you doing** this evening? – I **am staying** at home.

Going to

- for plans or something decided in advanced:
Ex: Joe & Sue **are going to get married** in 2 months.
- for future intentions to do something:
Ex: I **am going to study** Social Science at university.
- predictions based on present evidence:
Ex: Move, Jack! That cyclist **is going to crash** into us!

Future Simple

- for things we think or believe will happen in the future (we often use the words *think, believe, expect, be sure, be afraid, hope, possibly, perhaps, certainly...*): **Ex:** I **think** you **will enjoy** this film.
- for spontaneous decisions made at the moment of speaking:
Ex: We seem to be lost. I'll **stop** and ask for the way home.
- for future facts: Ex: He **will be** 50 next month.
- for threats, promises, offers, requests... :
Ex: Stop that or I'll **tell** your parents.
Ex: I **will be** careful, I promise.
- with the 1st conditional or future time clauses:
Ex: We **will visit** you later, **if** we have time.
Ex: Before they arrive, we **will tidy** the living room.

Future Continuous

- for temporary actions that will be in progress at a certain time in the future:
Ex: Next time this week, I **will be having** dinner at 7 pm.
- for things that are already planned, or which are part of a regular routine:
Ex: I **will be driving** into town later on. Can I give you a lift?
- for polite enquiries about people's plans /decision:
Ex: **Will** you **be going** out this evening?

Future Perfect

- for actions that will be completed by a certain time in the future:
Ex: I **will have finished** my homework by the time you get back.
- It is often used with a time expression using **by + a point in future time (then, the time...)**

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4. I _____ (meet) her this evening.
5. Don't call at 6.00. I _____ (do) my homework then.
6. Perhaps I _____ (see) you tomorrow.
7. I forgot the car keys. – Don't worry, I _____ (get) them for you.
8. What time _____ the next bus _____ (arrive)?
9. He _____ (spend) all his money by the end of the week.
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