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SINGLE- USE PLASTICS

China has **unveiled** ambitious plans and says it hopes the country will have reduced single-use plastics **drastically** by 2025.

China's National Development and Reform Commission is fast-tracking a number of **measures** designed to **slash** the production and use of plastics over the next five years.



It announced that by the end of 2020, non-**biodegradable** plastic bags will be banned in supermarkets and shopping malls in major cities. The ban will also apply to food delivery services, which use **vast** amounts of plastics.

Single-use plastic straws and cutlery used by food takeaway services will be banned nationwide by the end of this year.



China will be encouraging the use of **alternative** materials such as non-plastic products and **biodegradable** shopping bags over the next years.

Single-use plastics are one of the world's biggest sources of plastic pollution. They have become a **ubiquitous** part of daily life and a part of our throwaway culture. The Chinese authorities **set** a goal of reducing the "**intensity** of consumption" in order to reverse our **reliance** on single-use plastics.

Previous regulations to **curb** plastic use, in 2008, led to an estimated cut in plastic bag production of 67 billion bags. The United Nations said it is urgent that all countries adopt policies similar to those China is introducing.

It said: "We are already unable to **cope** with the amount of plastic waste we generate, unless we rethink the way we manufacture, use and manage plastics."

Littered streets

Dirty rivers

Micro-plastics in food chain

Plastics in whales' stomachs

Release of toxins

Use of oil

Ocean garbage patches

Groundwater pollution



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THE FUTURE:

- Future plans, predictions, intentions...

Present continuous, be going to, will

- HYPOTHESIS: if a certain condition verifies,
there will be a certain consequence

First conditional

Future plans

We use ***be going to*** to talk about plans for the future or intentions (things you have already decided to do).

I'm going to take a holiday in March.

Sue isn't going to buy that car.

With the verbs *go* and *come* we often use the Present Continuous.

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We use the Present Continuous to talk about fixed future arrangements (usually involving another person).

I'm meeting Sam at 2p.m. (I called him this morning to arrange it)

Are you coming to the party this evening? (You have been invited)

Future plans

In many cases you can use either *be going to* or the Present Continuous.

I am playing rugby tomorrow.

I am going to play rugby.

Future plans

We use *will* for unplanned decisions (made at the time of speaking), offers or promises.

I'll/won't tell her I saw you.

Will you carry this box for me?

For general predictions you can use *will* or *be going to*.

I think Brazil will/are going to win the next World Cup.

PREDICTIONS (Standard English)



WILL:

**BASED ON OUR OWN
PERSONAL OPINION OR
KNOWLEDGE**

GOING TO:

**BASED ON SOMETHING WE
CAN SEE NOW (EVIDENCE), OR
THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS**

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THE FUTURE PERFECT

We use **will have** + a past participle for something that will be over in the future.

*I like looking at these pictures, but I'll **have had** enough by lunch-time.*

*Trevor and Laura **will have lived** here for four years next April.*

*This chess game is going to last ages. They **won't have finished** it until midnight.*

***Will you have read** this book by the time it's due back to the library? ~ Yes. I'll **have finished** it by then.*

We often use the future perfect with expressions of time such as **by lunch-time**, **until midnight**, **before then**, **by the time** you have to take it back.

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THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS

We can use **will be** + -ing (the future continuous) to talk about future actions. There are two different uses.

THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS

1) Will be doing for continuous actions

We use the future continuous for an action over a period of time. It means that at some time in the future we will be in the middle of an action.

*Andrew can't go to the party. **He'll be working** all day tomorrow.*

*I'll be out at three o'clock. **I'll be playing** golf.*

*When the men leave the building, the police **will be waiting** for them.*

*What **will we be doing** in ten years' time, I wonder?*

THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS

Compare the past continuous, present continuous and future continuous.

Past: *This time last week we were sitting on the beach.*

Present: *At the moment we're sitting on the beach.*

Future: This time *next week we'll be sitting on the beach.*

THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS

Compare **will do** and **will be doing** in these sentences.

*The band **will play** when the President enters.* (The President will enter and then the band will play.)

*The band **will be playing** when the President enters.* (The band will start playing before the President enters.)

2) We can also use **will be** + an *-ing* form to ask about someone's plans.

*Will you **be going** anywhere near a chemist's this morning? ~ Yes, why? ~ Could you get me some aspirin, please? ~ Yes, of course.*

*How long **will you be using** this computer? ~ You can have it in a minute.*



Coronavirus update

24 March 2020



- Around 20% of the global population is under lockdown.
- But Donald Trump has rejected the argument for a US lockdown.
- 514 people have died in Spain in a single day.
- New York's governor says the state's virus case count is doubling every three days.
- The Olympics have been postponed to 2021.
- The UK government has brought 3.5m antibody tests.
- A temporary 4,000-bed hospital will be opening in London next week.

CRACE – ACKLAM (2012)

NEW TOTAL ENGLISH UPPER INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS' BOOK (62)

LONGMAN

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COMPOSITIONS

1. In many countries today governments are keen to improve the information companies report to the public such as the effects of their activities on the environment, the bonuses they give to their top managers, and the ways companies are managed. What items should companies be forced by law to publish in their company reports? Discuss
2. How do you think climate change will impact economy over the next 20 years? → USE OF THE DIFFERENT FUTURE TENSES
3. How can big companies reduce their carbon footprint without compromising their economic growth and stability? Choose a big company you know or a sector (food, clothes, etc.) and give some ideas.