

Future tenses

Exercises

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WILL

- **AFFIRMATIVE** → **S + will + infinitive without to**
In 2020, I **will be** 18.
- **NEGATIVE** → **S + will + not + infinitive without to**
My team will not win the championship this season.
- **INTERROGATIVE** → **Will + S + infinitive without to**
Will you ask him?

WILL

- **Complete the sentences with I'll + a suitable verb.**

1. I'm too tired to walk home. I think **I'll take** a taxi.
2. 'It's cold in this room.' 'Is it? _____ on the heating then.'
3. 'Bye! Have a nice holiday!' 'Thanks. _____ you a postcard.'
4. 'Shall I do the washing-up?' 'No, it's all right. _____ it later.'
5. I don't know how to shut down this computer,' 'OK, _____ you.'
6. 'Would you like tea or coffee?' '_____ coffee, please.'
7. 'Are you coming with us?' 'No, I think _____ here.'
8. Thanks for lending me the money. _____ it back as soon as possible, OK?
9. A: I know you're busy, but can you finish this report this afternoon?
B: Well, _____, but I can't promise.

WILL

Answer key:

1. I'm too tired to walk home. I think **I'll take** a taxi.
2. 'It's cold in this room.' 'Is it? **I'll turn/switch/put** on the heating then.'
3. 'Bye! Have a nice holiday!' 'Thanks. **I'll send** you a postcard.'
4. 'Shall I do the washing-up?' 'No, it's all right. **I'll do** it later.'
5. I don't know how to shut down this computer,' 'OK, **I'll show** you.'
6. 'Would you like tea or coffee?' **I'll have** coffee, please.'
7. 'Are you coming with us?' 'No, I think **I'll stay/wait** here.'
8. Thanks for lending me the money. **I'll pay/give** it back as soon as possible, OK?
9. A: I know you're busy, but can you finish this report this afternoon?
B: Well, **I'll try**, but I can't promise.

Be going to

- **AFFIRMATIVE** → **S + AM/IS/ARE + GOING TO + INFINITIVE**
She's going to buy a new car.
- **NEGATIVE** → **S + AM/IS/ARE + NOT + GOING TO + INFINITIVE**
I'm not going to eat it.
- **INTERROGATIVE** → **AM/IS/ARE + S + GOING TO + INFINITIVE**
What are you going to do with the money you won?

Be going to

- **What is going to happen in these situations? Use the words in brackets.**

- There are a lot of black clouds in the sky.

(rain) It _____

- It is 8.30. Tom is leaving his house. He has to be at work at 8.45, but the journey takes 30 minutes.

(late) He _____

- There is a hole in the bottom of the boat. A lot of water is coming in through the hole.

(sink) The boat _____

- Lucy and Chris are driving. There is very little petrol left in the tank. The nearest petrol station is a long way away.

(run out) They _____

Be going to

- What is going to happen in these situations? Use the words in brackets.

- There are a lot of black clouds in the sky.

(rain) It *is going to rain*.

- It is 8.30. Tom is leaving his house. He has to be at work at 8.45, but the journey takes 30 minutes.

(late) He *is going to be late*.

- There is a hole in the bottom of the boat. A lot of water is coming in through the hole.

(sink) The boat *is going to sink*.

- Lucy and Chris are driving. There is very little petrol left in the tank. The nearest petrol station is a long way away.

(run out) They *are going to run out of petrol*.

Will vs Be Going To

- **COMPLETE** the sentences with the correct form of *will* or *be going to* and the verbs in brackets.

1. In the future, experts say we _____ (use) less conventional means of transport like flying taxis and automatic cars.
2. 'Oh dear! I don't have enough time to finish the exercises before I go to my piano lesson.' 'I _____ (not help) you this time. I helped you last week and the week before!'
3. Why are you buying all that food? _____ (you / invite) your friends over for dinner?
4. This time next week I _____ (be) on the cruise ship on my way to exciting destinations. I can't wait!
5. George phoned. They're on their way to the airport but there's a lot of traffic. He says they _____ (not catch) the plane!
6. I can't finish decorating the birthday cake now. I _____ (do) it tomorrow before the party.
7. I promise I _____ (help) you with the shopping. What time do you want to go?

Will vs Be Going To

8. 'It's late and I'm still getting dressed for the party. I can't find my high-heeled shoes.' 'I _____ (help) you look for them.'
9. 'Why are they booking that hotel?' 'They _____ (visit) some friends in Oslo for Easter.'
10. _____ (Sarah / turn) 18 next week?
11. George phoned. They're on their way to the airport but there's a lot of traffic. He hopes they _____ (catch) the plane but he isn't sure.
12. 'I can't choose which jacket to wear for the party.' 'They're both nice but that one really suits you.' 'OK, I _____ (buy) it.'
13. Scientists believe that there _____ (not be) many coral reefs left in the near future.
14. Helen is slower than all the other swimmers. Oh dear! She _____ (not win) the race.

Will vs Be Going To

Answer key:

1. *'ll use;*
2. *won't help;*
3. *Are you going to invite;*
4. *'ll be;*
5. *aren't going to catch;*
6. *'ll do;*
7. *'ll help;*
8. *'ll help;*
9. *'re going to visit;*
10. *Will Sarah turn;*
11. *'ll catch;*
12. *'ll buy;*
13. *won't be;*
14. *isn't going to win.*

Present Continuous

- **AFFERMATIVE** → **S + AM/IS/ARE + INFINITIVE + -ING**
He is playing tennis on Monday afternoon.
- **NEGATIVE** → **S + AM/IS/ARE + NOT + INFINITIVE + -ING**
I'm not working tomorrow.
- **INTERROGATIVE** → **AM/IS/ARE + S + INFINITIVE + -ING**
What time **is Katherine arriving** tomorrow?

FUTURE FORMS

Complete the sentences using *will* or *be going to* or the *present continuous as future*. In some sentences, more than one answer is possible.

- Sorry to keep you waiting. I (not be) _____ long.
- According to the weather forecast, it (snow) _____ tomorrow.
- I'm sorry I can't meet you tonight. I (go out) _____ with my sister.
- Look out! You (hit) _____ that tree.
- In fifty years' time, most people (probably, ride) _____ bicycles to work.
- Our teacher (give) _____ us a test tomorrow.
- I (go) _____ to Manchester at the end of next week.
- I think our team (probably, win) _____ .

FUTURE FORMS

Answer key:

- Sorry to keep you waiting. I (not be) **won't be** long.
- According to the weather forecast, it (snow) **will snow / is going to snow** tomorrow.
- I'm sorry I can't meet you tonight. I (go out) **am going out** with my sister.
- Look out! You (hit) **are going to hit** that tree.
- In fifty years' time, most people (probably, ride) **will probably ride** bicycles to work.
- Our teacher (give) **is giving / is going to give** us a test tomorrow.
- I (go) **am going** to Manchester at the end of next week.
- I think our team (probably, win) **will probably win**.

PRESENT SIMPLE

- **Scheduled events:** The *present simple* tense is usually used to refer to future events that are scheduled (and outside of our control).
- **AFFIRMATIVE →** **S + V (+ -s 3rd person singular)**
Hurry up! **The train departs** in 10 minutes.
- **NEGATIVE →** **S + DO/DOES + NOT + V**
The film doesn't start at 8.15 (this evening).
- **INTERROGATIVE →** **DO/DOES + S + V**
When **does the meeting begin?**

Present simple vs Present Continuous

- **WRITE sentences using the prompts and the present simple or present continuous as future.**

1. Kelly / arrive / in Winchester / by train / on Monday.

2. the girls / go horse riding / in the forest / next Tuesday?

3. The drama course / not begin / next week.

4. They / not take part / in any activities / next Wednesday.

5. 'When / the summer camp / finish?' 'On 27th August.'

Present simple vs Present Continuous

- **WRITE sentences using the prompts and the present simple or present continuous as future.**

6. Jacob / meet / the group / in Plymouth / on Monday.

7. The music festival / not finish / in July, / but in August.

8. 'Which station / the train / leave from?' 'From the central station.'

9. Peter / not do / drama classes / on Wednesday.

10. What time / they all / visit / the Mayflower Steps / on Thursday?

Present simple vs Present Continuous

Answer key:

1. *Kelly **is arriving** in Winchester by train on Monday.*
2. ***Are the girls going** horse riding in the forest next Tuesday?*
3. *The drama course **doesn't begin** next week.*
4. *They **aren't taking** part in any activities next Wednesday.*
5. *'When **does** the summer camp **finish**?' 'On 27th August.'*
6. *Jacob **is meeting** the group in Plymouth on Monday.*
7. *The music festival **doesn't finish** in July, but in August.*
8. *'Which station **does the train leave** from?' 'From the central station.'*
9. *Peter **isn't doing** drama classes on Wednesday.*
10. *What time **are they all visiting** the Mayflower Steps on Thursday?*

Future forms - exercises

- **COMPLETE** the sentences with the correct future tense (*will, be going to, present continuous or present simple as future*) of the verbs in brackets.

1. 'What time _____ (the theatre / open)?' 'At 7.30 p.m.'
2. My instructor hopes it _____ (snow) next weekend.
3. At 8 p.m. on Saturday evening we _____ (meet) our friends outside the cinema.
4. 'Where _____ (the bus / leave) from?' 'From outside the shopping centre.'
5. 'What _____ (you / do) this summer?' 'I don't know yet.'
6. You're carrying a lot of luggage. I _____ (help) you with it.
7. What _____ (you / have) to drink? Water or orange juice?
8. I _____ (not forget) to show you my holiday photos, I promise.
9. 'Which airport _____ (they / take off) from?' 'From Heathrow Airport.'
10. "Pam, the phone is ringing!" "Don't worry, I _____ (answer) it."

Future forms - exercises

- **COMPLETE** the sentences with the correct future tense (will, be going to, present continuous or present simple) of the verbs in brackets.

11. 'What time _____ (the film / start)?' 'At 8 p.m.'
12. Scientists believe many glaciers _____ (disappear) in the next 20 years.
13. I _____ (drive) you to the station. I promise.
14. _____ (your parents / visit) the Eiffel Tower when they go to Paris this summer?
15. My tennis coach is sure that it _____ (not rain) tomorrow evening.
16. 'What would you like to order?' 'We _____ (try) the lunchtime special, please.'
17. 'Where _____ (the parade / begin)?' 'Outside the cinema.'
18. At 5 p.m. on Sunday I _____ (pick) up some friends from the airport.
19. 'When _____ (Katherine / come) back from her cruise?' 'Next weekend.'
20. I hope I _____ (be) very rich when I grow up.

Future - exercises

Answer key:

1 *does the theatre open;*

2 *will snow;*

3 *are meeting;*

4 *does the bus leave;*

5 *are you going to do / are you doing;*

6 *will help;*

7 *will you have;*

8 *won't forget;*

9 *are they taking off;*

10 *will answer*

11 *does the film start;*

12 *will disappear;*

13 *will drive;*

14 *Are your parents going to visit / Are your parents visiting;*

15 *won't rain;*

16 *will try;*

17 *does the parade begin;*

18 *am picking;*

19 *is Katherine coming;*

20 *will be.*

Multiple choice

- **CHOOSE** the correct alternative (A, B or C) to complete the sentences.

1. _____ to the cinema tonight?

A Do you go

B Are you going

C Will you go

2. *The sky is dark. It _____ .*

A is going to rain.

B is raining.

C rains.

3. *'Where _____ your next holidays?' 'I don't know yet.'*

A are you spending

B do you spend

C are you going to spend

4. *Tom _____ a new play at the Globe on the South Bank tonight.*

A sees

B is seeing

C is going to see

5. *The last train to Bristol _____ at 8 in the evening.*

A leaves

B is going to leave

C is leaving

Multiple choice

6. '_____ something?' 'No, I'm not hungry.'

A Are you eating

B Are you eat

C Are you going to eat

7. _____ anything special next weekend?

A Are you going to do

B Do you do

C Are you doing

8. _____ a rock band?

A Do they form

B Are they going to form

C They form

9. Steve _____ football next Saturday. He's hurt his leg.

A doesn't play

B isn't playing

C is going to play

10. We _____ dinner together tonight.

A have

B are having

C are going to have

Multiple choice

Answer key:

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. C
7. C
8. B
9. B
10. B