

# 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

- **AFFIRMATIVE** → **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.

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

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

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

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

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# 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.

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

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

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

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

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# 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