

FUTURE FORMS

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will

predictions (we think something will happen)

- ➔ He **will be** a good doctor.
- ➔ I believe they **will win** this match.

instant decisions (taken while speaking)

- ➔ A: "We don't have sugar"
- B: "I'll **buy** some then."

promises and refusals

- ➔ I **will help** you but I **won't lend** you any money.

offers

- ➔ I'll **carry** your bag. / Shall I **carry** your bag?

suggestions

- ➔ Shall we **eat out** today?

requests

- ➔ Will you **open** the door please?

be going to

predictions (we see - present evidence)

- ➔ Slow down! We're **going to have** an accident!
- ➔ Look at the clouds. It's **going to rain**.

decisions (taken before now - intentions/plans)

- ➔ Are you **going to watch** the game tonight?

present continuous

plans (arrangements have been made)

- ➔ I'm **flying** to New York tomorrow morning.
- ➔ I'm **seeing** the dentist at 6.
- ➔ We **are getting** married next week.

present simple

timetabled events

- ➔ The train **leaves** at 4 o'clock.
- ➔ The exams **start** next week.

future time clauses (when/ as soon as/until, etc.)

- ➔ I'll retire when I **am** 70. (NOT ~~when I'll be 70~~).
- ➔ Call me as soon as you **arrive**.

may / might

Use **may** or **might** to talk about future possibility

- ➔ I **might go** to the party tomorrow; I'm not sure.
- ➔ Temperatures **might go up** next week

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

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will be + -ing

This time tomorrow, this time next week/etc.
At 9 tomorrow, at 10 next Tuesday/etc.
In two weeks, in 5 years, etc.
In two weeks' time, in 5 years' time, etc.
When ...

Actions in progress at certain time in the future

- This time next week, I will be travelling to Paris.
- Tomorrow at 10, you 'll be doing your exam.
- When you get off the train, I 'll be waiting at the platform.

Future plans and arrangements (=present continuous or be going to)

- We 'll be coming next weekend. (=We're coming next weekend)
- I will be leaving tomorrow at 8 a.m.

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