

FUTURE FORMS

1. FUTURE SIMPLE:

WILL + INFINITIVE

- spontaneous decisions: *It's cold in here. I'll turn on the air conditioner.*
A: Is your boss in his office? B: Hold on, I'll check.
- voluntary actions (a voluntary action is one the speaker offers to do for someone else): *I'll translate the email, so that Mr Smith can read it.*
We'll give you a lift to work.
Will you type this for me?
- promise: *I'll be home early, I promise.*
I won't forget to call you.
- prediction (not based on evidence): *The year 2020 will be an interesting year.*
- with *probably/maybe/perhaps/surely/assume/be afraid/be sure/believe/doubt/expect/hope/suppose/think*

SHALL + INFINITIVE

- offers: *Shall I write this report for you?*
- suggestions: *Shall we call the boss now?*

2. BE GOING TO + INFINITIVE:

- prediction (based on evidence): *His interview went well. He's going to get this job.*
He looks tired. I think he's going to go home earlier today.
- plans/intentions: *I've brought along a cassette machine and some blank tapes. I'm going to record my presentation.*
This printer is driving me crazy. I'm going to buy a new one.

3. PRESENT SIMPLE:

- timetables/schedules: *The plane lands at 5 pm.*
The presentation starts at 4.30.

4. PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

- arranged actions: *We're having our presentation today.*
I'm flying to New York tomorrow.

5. FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE: WILL + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

- completed action before something in the future: *A month from now, he will have passed all his exams.*
- *By next November, I will have received my promotion.*
- *By the time I finish this course, I will have taken ten tests.*

A Complete each dialogue with the correct form of *going to* or *will*.

- 1 **A** I'm really sorry, I can't take you to the station. Something has just come up.
B Oh, don't worry. I (take) a taxi.
- 2 **A** We've chosen a name for our new low-cost airline.
B Really. What (you / call) it?
- 3 **A** Have you decided how to increase the number of passengers?
B Yes, we (offer) a family discount at weekends.
- 4 **A** I can't send an e-mail to the travel agent; my computer's just crashed.
B Write down your details and I (fax) them over for you.
- 5 **A** How's your daughter?
B She's fine. She (learn) to be a pilot for the flying doctor service next year!

B Use the present continuous or the present simple to complete the sentences below.

- 1 His flight *arrives / is arriving* at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.
- 2 *We're staying / stay* at the Hilton Hotel for next month's sales conference.
- 3 The next seminar *is beginning / begins* at 3 p.m.
- 4 I *travel / am travelling* by train from Paris to London next time.
- 5 The boat *is departing / departs* at midday so you have the whole morning to get ready.
- 6 The delegation from China *are seeing / see* the Chairman the following Monday.

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- 1) The train _____ at 11:45. (to leave)
- 2) We _____ dinner at a nice restaurant on Saturday. (to have)
- 3) It _____ in the mountains tomorrow evening. (to snow)
- 4) On Sunday at 8 o'clock I _____ my friend. (to meet)
- 5) They _____ to London on Friday evening. (to fly)
- 6) Wait! I _____ you to the station. (to drive)
- 7) The English lesson _____ at 8:45. (to start)
- 8) I _____ my sister in April. (to see)
- 9) Look at the clouds - it _____ in a few minutes. (to rain)
- 10) Listen! There's someone at the door. I _____ the door for you. (to open)
- 11) I _____ you the money back next week. (to give)
- 12) They _____ the day off on the 7th. (to take)
- 13) When you _____ the report, put it on my desk. (to finish)
- 14) If I _____ Michael, I _____ him the message. (to see, to give)
- 15) I _____ Christmas in the Bahamas. The plane _____ on the 20th. (to spend, to leave)
- 16) Our costs were too high last year. This year, we _____ our costs. (to reduce)
- 17) We _____ this report by 10 pm. (to finish)
- 18) This company _____ with our company by September. (to merge)
- 19) I _____ my colleagues at 5.15. (to meet)
- 20) The prices _____ by next year. (to double)