

## 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)