

# THE FUTURE

Complete the sentences with a suitable future form.

## Present Simple

- for future events which are part of a fixed timetable or programme:

Ex: The train **leaves** at 9.

- for future events in clauses of time (*when, as soon as, before, after, until...*) and condition (*if, unless, as long as...*):

Ex: I'll buy you a newspaper **when** I go out.

## Present Continuous

- for future plans or (social) arrangements (we must give the time, date and /or place):

Ex: What **are you doing** this evening? – I **am staying** at home.

## Going to

- for predictions when there are signs that something will happen in the near future: Ex: It's getting late. You **are going to miss** your train.

- for future plans or intentions that were planned before the time of speaking: Ex: I **am going to move** to Italy next month.

## Future Simple

- for things we think or believe will happen in the future (we often use the words *think, believe, expect, be sure, be afraid, hope, possibly, perhaps, certainly...*): Ex: I **think** you **will enjoy** this film.

- for (unplanned) intentions /decisions made at the moment of speaking: Ex: We seem to be lost. I'll **stop** and ask for the way home.

- for future facts: Ex: He **will be** 50 next month.

- for threats, promises, offers, requests... :

Ex: Stop that or I'll **tell** your parents.

Ex: I **will be** careful, I promise.

- with the 1st conditional: Ex: I **will visit** you later, **if** I have the time.

## Future Continuous

- for temporary actions that will be in progress at a certain time in the future:

Ex: I **will be having** dinner at 7 pm.

- for things that are already planned, or which are part of a regular routine:

Ex: I **will be driving** into town later on. Can I give you a lift?

- for polite enquiries about people's plans /decision:

Ex: **Will** you **be going** out this evening?

## Future Perfect

- for actions that will happen / be completed by a certain time in the future:

Ex: I **will have finished** my homework by the time you get back.

- It is often used with a time expression using **by + a point in future time (then, the time...)**

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2. By the time we get there, the film \_\_\_\_\_ (begin).
3. Look at those clouds. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her this evening.
5. Don't call at 6.00. I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my homework then.
6. Perhaps I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you tomorrow.
7. I forgot the car keys. – Don't worry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) them for you.
8. What time \_\_\_\_\_ the next train \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)?
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) all his money by the end of the week.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) all my debts in a week's time.
11. Stop that, or I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) your parents.
12. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) French.
13. This time next week he \_\_\_\_\_ (Camp) in the mountains.
14. Have you heard? Linda \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new house.
15. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in ten years' time?
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you move if I get here on time.
17. Stay in your seat until the bell \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
18. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (use) your car at the weekend? - I guess I will.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the action movie? – Yes, I am.
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in Paris by the end of the day.

## KEY

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2. By the time we get there, the film **will have begun**.
3. Look at those clouds. It is **going to rain**.
4. I **am meeting / am going to meet** her this evening.
5. Don't call at 6.00. I **will be doing** my homework then.
6. Perhaps I **will see** you tomorrow.
7. I forgot the car keys. – Don't worry, I **will get** them for you.
8. **What time does the next train arrive?**
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