



The Future - Revision

WILL

Will (i.e. **will** + base form of a verb) is used when we make predictions and say what we think will happen in the future.

*It **will** probably **rain** tomorrow.*

*Cars **will** use different kinds of energy in the future.*

Will is used in speaking when we make sudden decisions.

*I can't find my bicycle. I know! **I'll** take John's instead.*

We decide something **just before** or **as** we say the words.

*Look! It's raining. Oh well, **I won't** go swimming. **I'll** go to the movies instead.* (I planned to go swimming. Now I decide to go to the movies.)

Will is used when we make promises or offer to do something.

***I'll** help you with your math once I've finished this chapter.*

***I'll** see you again next year.*

*Your bag looks heavy. **I'll** carry it for you.*

GOING TO

Going to (i.e. **be going to** + base form of a verb) is used when we have decided to do something.

***I'm going to be** a doctor when I grow up.*

***I'm going to visit** Francesca next year.*

It is also used when we predict something, because of present evidence.

*Wow! Look at the time. **We're going to be** late!*

*Look at the sunshine. **It's going to be** a lovely day.*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

The **Present Continuous** is used for things we have arranged in the future.

***I'm staying** at my friend Laila's house tonight. * **We're staying** up all night! Then **we're going** shopping tomorrow. In the afternoon another friend, Julie **is coming** over. **She's bringing** all her fashion magazines for us to look at.*

(*Laila and I have already arranged this.)

Going to and the **present continuous** tense can often be interchanged.



Exercise: Choose the best answer for each question in the dialogue below.

Sarah: Tom, good to see you again! Have you met Brad Anderson, my fiance? Brad and I 1. are getting married / will be married in June. Brad, this is Tom Taylor, one of my friends from highschool.

Tom: Nice to meet you.

Brad: How are you?

Tom: Oh sorry, Brad, I knocked your wineglass. 2. I'm getting / I'll get you a refill...Sarah, your glass is empty. Can I get you another glass of wine too?

Sarah: No thanks. I had better not have any more because 3. I'm driving / I'll drive.

Tom: So, tell me about your wedding.

Sarah: Well, 4. we're going to be married / we will be married at my parents' place. 5. We're having / we'll have a traditional white wedding. 6. I'm going to wear / I'll wear a long white dress.

Brad: And all the men 7. are going to wear / will wear suits.

Sarah: And 8. we're having / we'll have a huge party after the ceremony. Hey, you must come!

Tom: Thanks! I 9. am going to / will!...

Tom: But I have one small problem. I don't have a suit. Oh I know. 10. I'm going to rent / I'll rent one!

Sarah: Great!

Answers:

1. are getting married, 2. I'll get, 3. I'm driving, 4. we're going to be married, 5. we're having, 6. I'm going to wear, 7. are going to wear, 8. we're having, 9. will, 10. I'll rent.



PRESENT SIMPLE

The **Present Simple** is used to describe events that are part of timetables and programs.

*Work **starts** at 9.*

*The flight **departs** at 0900 hours.*

*Don't be late. The concert **begins** at 7.pm sharp!*

*My doctor's appointment **is** at 12.*

Exercise: Look at Satoko's diary for Monday. Then read the text below in which she is talking about her plans for Monday and choose the best answer for each question.

Monday

*9 a.m. dentist
12.00 lunch with Jane at Sierra's
Meet Tom! (Train: 3.30 pm)
6 pm Basketball practice*

Monday should be really busy for me...

1. **I have / I'm going to have** a dentist's appointment at 9.
2. Then **I do / I'm going to do** some shopping.
3. **I have / I'm having** lunch with Jane.
4. **We try / We're trying** out that new cafe, Sierra.
5. Tom's train **arrives / is arriving** at 3.30.
6. **I pick / I'm picking** him up from the station.
7. Basketball practice **is / is going to be** at 6 pm.
8. Anna's car has broken down so **I give / I'm going to give** her a lift to the gym.
9. Monday **is certainly going to be / is certainly being** a busy day!

Answers: 1. I have, 2. I'm going to do, 3. I'm having, 4. We're trying, 5. arrives, 6. I'm picking, 7. is, 8. I'm going to give, 9. is certainly going to be.

FUTURE PERFECT

The **Future Perfect** (will have + past participle) describes something that will be completed at a future time.

*I'm **enjoying** this book. By lunchtime I'll **have finished** it.*

*This is my last year at college. By the end of this year I'll **have completed** my degree.*

*We moved here about 11 months ago. Next month we'll **have been** here for a year.*

*Work on the house is going really well. When you next visit, we'll **have moved** in.*

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

The **Future Continuous** (will + be + active participle) describes something that you think will be in progress in the future at a particular moment, or something that is planned for the future.

*I'm **hoping** to see Chris and Suzy tomorrow. The weather's really good so they'll probably **be working** on their new house.*

*I'll **be having** dinner with my grandparents tomorrow so I'll give them your love.*

