Future forms
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6 Basic forms

• Present simple
• Present continuous
• To be + going to
• Future simple
• Future continuous
• Future perfect
Present Simple

Uses
• Timetabled future
• First Conditional

Example(s)
• My train *leaves* at 8:00pm
• If you *study* hard you will be successful!
Present Continuous

Uses

• **Arrangements**

Example(s)

• **I’m meeting** my friends this evening.

• My decorator **is starting** upstairs from tomorrow.
To be + Going to + pure infinitive (Often pronounced “Gonna”)

Uses

• Plans and intentions

• Prediction from present evidence

Example(s)

• I’m going to work really hard this semester!

• This term we are going to cover a number of grammar points.

• It’s going to rain.

• Brexit looks like it’s going to be a complicated process!
Future Simple (will/ shall)

Uses

• To give information about the future.

• To ask for information about the future

• Spontaneous decisions

Example(s)

• It’ll soon be Spring!

• She’ll be here soon.

• There will be an additional seminar next week.

• Will the whole family be at the wedding?

• Will next week’s workshop be in the same room?

• I’ll help you with that if you like!
Will or Shall?

• These days **Will** can be used with all pronouns
  – I, you, he, she, it, we, you (plural), they.
• **Shall** can only be used with I or We
• However, in a question form **Shall must** be used with I and We.
  – E.g. Shall we start the meeting?
  – Shall I call you later?
Future Continuous

Uses

- **Things that will be happening at a certain time in the future.**
  - Usually previously made decisions.

Example(s)

- This time next week I’ll be looking at past tenses.
- At Easter I’ll be visiting some friends in Sweden!
- What do you think you’ll be doing in 3 years from now?
Future Perfect

Uses

• Things that will have been completed by a certain time in the future.

Example(s)

• By the end of this term we will have completed this workshop series.

• By the end of April I’ll have returned from my trip to Sweden!

• Do you think you’ll have finished your studies by 2021?
Future Simple v Continuous.

**Future Simple**
- Spontaneous decisions e.g. “I’ll phone you”
- Prediction. e.g. “It’ll be sunny tomorrow”
- Requests. e.g. “Will you open the window please?”

**Future Continuous**
- Decisions and plans. e.g. “I’ll be arriving at six.”
- Future activities. e.g. “I’ll be working on the project all next week.”
Future continuous v perfect.

**Continuous**

Predicted action in progress at a given time in the future

“I’ll be taking my exams this time next week”

**Perfect**

Action completed by a given time in the future

“I’ll have finished the course by next year.”
Quizzes

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