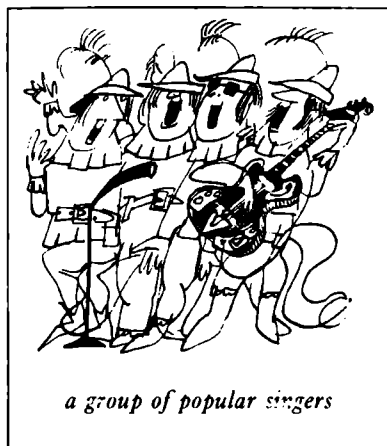


13 The Greenwood Boys

The Greenwood Boys are a group of popular singers. At present, they are visiting all parts of the country. They will be arriving here tomorrow. They will be coming by train and most of the young people in the town will be meeting them at the station. Tomorrow evening they will be singing at the Workers' Club. The Greenwood Boys will be staying for five days. During this time, they will give five performances. As usual, the police will have a difficult time. They will be trying to keep order. It is always the same on these occasions.



Comprehension Précis and Composition

Answer these questions in not more than 50 words.

1. Are the Greenwood Boys popular singers, or are they popular dancers?
2. When will they be coming here?
3. Who will be meeting them at the station?
4. How many performances will they give?
5. What will the police be trying to do as usual?

Key Structures

What will you be doing tomorrow?

a Read these sentences carefully. Pay close attention to the verbs in italics:

Now

I am writing letters now.

We are decorating this room.

He is working in the garden.

She is getting ready for the party.

Tomorrow

I shall be writing letters all day tomorrow.

We shall be decorating this room tomorrow.

He will be working in the garden tomorrow.

She will be getting ready for the party tomorrow.

Are you washing your car?

They are playing football.

Will you be washing your car tomorrow?

They will be playing football tomorrow.

b Now read these pairs of sentences. Each pair has the same meaning:

Instead of:

I'll come to your house tomorrow.

He'll arrive in a minute.

He'll catch the 4 o'clock train.

I'll see you next week.

She'll meet him at the station.

We can say:

I'll be coming to your house tomorrow.

He'll be arriving in a minute.

He'll be catching the 4 o'clock train.

I'll be seeing you next week.

She'll be meeting him at the station.

Exercises

A. Underline all the verbs in the passage which tell us what *will be happening*.

B. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise:

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the young people in the town (meet) them at the station. Tomorrow evening they (sing) at the Workers' Club. The Greenwood Boys (stay) for five days. During this time they will give five performances. As usual, the police will have a difficult time. They (try) to keep order. It is always the same on these occasions.

C. Change the form of the verbs in italics so that they tell us what will be happening:

1. I *am ironing* the clothes.
2. The train *will arrive* in a few minutes.
3. *We'll see* you in the morning.
4. We *are watching* the match.
5. He *is correcting* copybooks.

Special Difficulties

The Workers' Club. (l. 8) Compare SD 150

Read these questions and answers. Pay close attention to the position of the apostrophe (') in each answer:

Whose is this car? It is Tom's. It belongs to Tom.

Whose is this handbag? It is Susan's. It belongs to Susan.

Whose is this hammer? It is the workman's. It belongs to the workman.

Whose are these copybooks? They are the students' copybooks. They belong to the students.

Whose are these toys? They are the children's. They belong to the children.

Whose are these tools? They are the workmen's. They belong to the workmen.

Whose is this car? It is James' (or James's) car. It belongs to James.

When will he arrive? He will arrive in three hours' time.

How much petrol do you want? I want two pounds' worth of petrol.

Exercise

Answer these questions. The words you must use in your answers are given in brackets.

Put the apostrophe in the right place:

1. Whose is this umbrella? (George)
2. Whose is this idea? (Jean)
3. Whose is this handbag? (That woman)
4. Whose poetry do you like best? (Keats)
5. Whose are these clothes? (The children)
6. Whose are these uniforms? (The soldiers)
7. When will you leave? (In six hours time)
8. How much damage was there? (A hundred pounds worth)