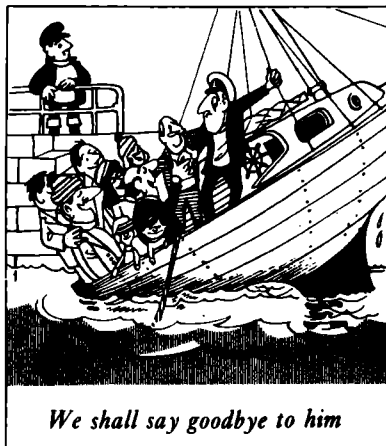


12 Goodbye and Good Luck

Our neighbour, Captain Charles Alison, will sail from Portsmouth tomorrow. We shall meet him at the harbour early in the morning. He will be in his small boat, *Topsail*. *Topsail* is a famous little boat. It has sailed across the Atlantic many times. Captain Alison will set out at eight o'clock, so we shall have plenty of time. We shall see his boat and then we shall say goodbye to him. He will be away for two months. We are very proud of him. He will take part in an important race across the Atlantic.



We shall say goodbye to him

Comprehension Précis and Composition

Answer these questions *in not more than 45 words*.

1. Whom shall we meet at Portsmouth Harbour early tomorrow morning?
2. Where will he be?
3. At what time will he leave?
4. Shall we say goodbye to him, or shall we travel with him?
5. What will he take part in?

Key Structures

I'll see you tomorrow.

These sentences tell us about the future. Read them carefully. Note that the word *shall* is often used with *I* and *We*. Pay close attention to the words in italics:

I shall see you tomorrow. I'll see you at 3 o'clock.

We shall travel by air. We'll be at the airport tomorrow morning.

George will be here this evening. He'll come by train.

Alice will meet him at the station. She'll be there at 5 o'clock.

The train will arrive at 4.55. It'll be here soon.

You will miss the train. You'll be late.

They will come here on foot. They'll walk from the station.

Exercises

A. Underline all the verbs in the passage which tell us what will happen.

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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C. In the paragraph below, the verbs in italics tell us *what happened*. Write the passage again. Change the verbs in italics so that they tell us *what will happen*.

I *went* to the theatre with my friend Reg. Reg and I *saw* the first performance of a play called 'The End of the Road'. After the play, the producer *gave* a short speech. He *spoke* to the audience about the play. The play *was* very successful and I think a great many people *enjoyed* it very much.

D. Put in *shall* or *will*:

1. The plane . . . arrive in two hours' time.
2. I . . . wait here until he comes.
3. When . . . we see you again?
4. I . . . send you a telegram from Nassau.
5. My secretary . . . write to you shortly.

Special Difficulties

a Read these sentences. Each sentence contains the verb *be*. This verb has a different meaning in each sentence:

He *will be away* for two months. (ll. 10-11)

I'm going out now. *I'll be back* at six o'clock.

If anyone telephones, tell them *I'll be out* all morning.

I went to Ted's house and asked to see him but he *wasn't in*.

Why don't you forget about it? *It's all over*. (It has finished.)

What's on at the local cinema this week?

She is very ill. She can't start work yet. She *is not up to* it. (She is not capable of it.)

b Now look at the verb *set* in these sentences:

Captain Alison will *set out* at eight o'clock. (l. 7) (He will start his journey.)

Tom and I *set off* early in the morning. (We started our journey.)

Jansen *set up* a new world record for the 400 metres.

Exercise

Replace the words in italics by the correct form of *be* or *set*.

1. He *has not yet returned*. He will *return* in ten minutes.
2. A new play is *being performed* at the Globe Theatre.
3. When the concert *ended*, we went home.
4. They will *leave* very early tomorrow morning.
5. You can't take the exam yet. You are not *capable of* it.
6. He will be *absent* from home for two months.
7. She swam across the English Channel and *created* a new world record.