

# **FUTURE TENSES**

# **PRESENT TENSE FOR FUTURE USE**

## **Present simple: for something scheduled**

We have a lesson next Monday.

The train arrives at 6.30 in the morning.

The holidays start next week.

It's my birthday tomorrow.

## **Present continuous : planned action in the near future**

I'm playing football tomorrow.

They are coming to see us tomorrow.

We're having a party tonight.

# WILL OR GOING TO?

## WILL

**1. Predictions:** when you're not sure if it will happen

*I think it will snow tomorrow*

*Maybe they will come tonight*

*If I have time this weekend, I will go to the cinema*

## 2. Quick decisions

*The phone rings. « I'll get it! »*

*What will we eat tonight? « I know, we'll have a pizza! »*

## GOING TO

**1. Predictions with future evidence:**

Our prediction is based on evidence.

We are saying what seems sure to happen.

*The sky is very black. It is going to snow.*

*It's 8.30! You're going to miss the train!*

## 2. Plans for the future (decided beforehand)

*I'm going to Normandy for Christmas*

*Tonight is my birthday, I'm going to celebrate*

# WILL OR GOING TO?

- I think my mother ....WILL..... like this film
- Paul's sister ..IS GOING TO..... have a baby.
- Would you like tea or coffee? I ...WILL.... have coffee
- I don't think they ...WILL..... spend their holidays in Thailand again.
- What are your plans for the weekend? I AM GOING TO.. visit my family.
- It's a secret! Ok, I ...WON'T.... tell anyone
- My cousin IS GOING TO... work in the UK for a year
- If you revise for the exam, I'm sure you ...WILL .get a good result
- Their suitcases are packed, they ARE GOING TO....go on holiday

# EXTRA MATERIAL

**Online lesson:** [https://www.grammar-monster.com/glossary/future\\_tense.htm](https://www.grammar-monster.com/glossary/future_tense.htm)

## **Video lessons:**

- 7 ways to use English tenses to talk about the future (BBC learning English)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiwiaoBGRzA>

- How to talk about the future - 6 Minute Grammar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIPHkXNxi2g>

**Online exercises:** <https://agendaweb.org/verbs/future-simple-exercises.html>