

## Language work: future forms

### Choose the correct future form.

1. In the future, I hope we ('I'll have / 're going to have) robots in the home to help us with the housework.
2. Hey, Nick, be careful, you ('re going to spill / 'I'll spill) that coffee on the computer!
3. It's John's birthday next week. We ('I'll give / 're going to give) him a mobile phone.
4. My laptop has crashed I Don't worry. I ('I'll lend/ I 'm going to lend) you mine.
5. The Internet (will probably change / is probably going to change) the publishing industry in the way that TV changed the movie industry.
6. Futurists predict that smart technology (will be / is going to be) incorporated into fabrics, so you'll be able to email from your coat!

## Future forms

### We use the future simple (will/won't + verb) in the following ways:

- To make predictions when you don't have present evidence that something will happen  
*Nanobots will be injected into the body's bloodstream to treat diseases.*
- To talk about hopes and promises, especially with the words *expect, think, hope* and *probably*  
*They hope that people will interact naturally with hundreds of smart devices at a time.*
- To describe an instant decision, often when we make an offer  
*Sure, I'll help you with your homework.*
- To talk about facts that will inevitably happen  
*She'll be 21 in May.*

### We use be going to + verb in the following ways:

- To describe future intentions  
*She's going to write a book about ubiquitous computing.*
- To make predictions when you have present evidence that something is going to happen  
*By all accounts, nanotechnology is going to have a huge impact on business and our daily lives.*
- We use the future continuous (will be + -ing form of the verb) to talk about actions in progress at a specific time in the future.  
*In a few years, doctors will be using expert systems to diagnose illnesses.*
- We use the future perfect (will have + past participle) to talk about actions finished at a specific time in the future.  
*Soon, engineers will have built different types of android.*

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1. Thanks to ICT, by the year 2030 we (find) cures for the major diseases of our time.
2. In twenty years' time, some people (live) inside a computerized colony in space, perhaps
3. By this time next week, I (work) for IBM.
4. Scientists predict that in twenty years' time nearly everyone (live) in smart houses.
5. By this time next month, I (buy) that BlackBerry that I've been wanting to buy for months