

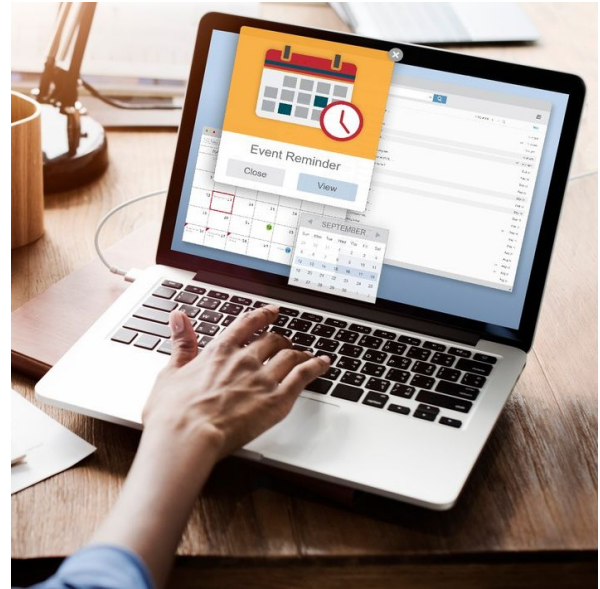


FUTURE PLANS AND DECISIONS: PRESENT CONTINUOUS, WILL, GOING TO



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Presentation

Look at the ways of talking about future plans below. Go over the grammar rules with your partner.

When we talk about plans or decisions for the future, we can use the **present continuous**, *going to* or **will + infinitive**.





Future plans

We use the present continuous to talk about plans or arrangements for the future:

I'm **meeting** an old friend for lunch tomorrow.

I'm **flying** to France next Wednesday.

Are you **going** on holiday this summer?

We do not use **will** to talk about future plans. We can use **will + infinitive** to talk about something that is possible in the future:

'Where are you going on holiday this summer?'

'I don't know. Perhaps I'll **go** to Italy'

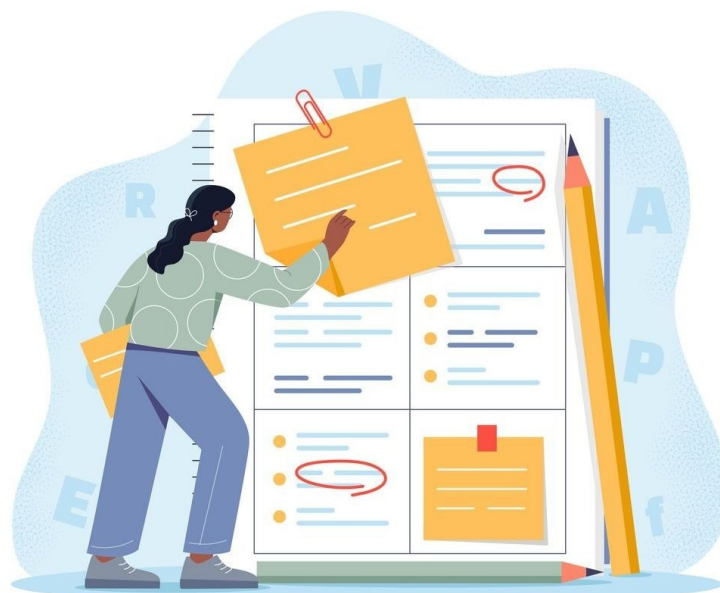
Maybe I **will see** you at the party next week.

will + infinitive is often used with *I think, I don't think, I'm sure, probably, perhaps, maybe, etc.*

Dialogue

A: We **are going** to Spain this summer. What about you?

B: I don't know yet. Maybe I **will go** to Italy.





Decisions for the future

We use **going to + infinitive** to talk about **intentions or decisions for the future**:

I've made my decision. I'm **going to quit** smoking.

Are you going to come to the party tonight?

We use **will + infinitive** when we make a **spontaneous decision at the time of speaking** (not before):

'It's cold in here.' 'I'll **go** and shut the window.'

'Can you send me the information I need?'

'Sure, I'll **do** it right away.'

Dialogue

A: Have you decided what to cook tonight?

B: Yes, I'm **going to cook** fish and rice.

B: Fine. I'll **bring** a bottle of white wine.





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Practice 1: Future plans

Put the verb in brackets into the most suitable form, present continuous or 'will' + infinitive:

1. What are you doing (you/do) on Saturday night? Would you like to go to a concert?
2. I think I will stay (stay) at home this evening. I'm feeling a bit ill.
3. I'm afraid I can't meet you for a coffee tomorrow afternoon. I am having (have) lunch with a colleague.
4. We can meet on Sunday. I am not doing (not/do) anything special.
5. The train will probably (probably/arrive) late again.
6. What time are you meeting (you/meet) Mike tomorrow?
7. Do you think it will rain (rain) tonight?
8. I am traveling (travel) to Thailand next week. Maybe I will (send) you a postcard.
9. I am working (work) late on Tuesday, so I will (probably/not/be) free till late evening.
10. Jack is hosting (host) a party next Thursday. A lot of people will (come).





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Practice 2: Decisions for the future

Complete the dialogues using 'will' or 'going to' + infinitive:

Dialogue 1:

A: I've decided. I _____ ¹ (look) for a new job.

B: Good idea! I _____ ² (help) you prepare a good CV.

Dialogue 2:

A: When _____ ¹ (you/bring) those books that you promised to lend me?

B: Oh, I'm sorry. I completely forgot about that. I _____ ² (bring) them in tomorrow morning.

Dialogue 3:

A: So, you've decided to buy a new car. What type of car _____ ¹ (you/choose)?

B: I don't know.

A: Mark knows a lot about cars. I _____ ² (ask) him to phone you later on.

Dialogue 4:

A: What _____ ¹ (you/get) John for his birthday?

B: I _____ ² (buy) him a digital camera. And you?

A: I haven't decided yet. Perhaps I _____ ³ (get) him an iPad.

**Dialogue 5:**

A: _____¹ (you/visit) Paul next Friday?

B: I don't know yet. I _____² (call) you tomorrow to let you know.

Dialogue 6:

A: What _____¹ (you/do) for New Year's Eve?

B: We _____² (eat) at a fancy restaurant.

Dialogue 7:

A: Why have you turned off the music?

B: I _____¹ (lie) down for a while. I was feeling a bit tired.

A: OK, I _____² (not/disturb) you then.

Dialogue 8:

A: Have you decided where you _____¹ (stay) on your trip?

B: Well, I _____² (not/stay) at the Siesta Hotel, that's for sure. It's too expensive.



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Practice 3

Self-study: Write down your plans and intentions for next week.

WEEKLY PLAN	
MON	I am going to go.
TUE	I am visiting doctor
WED	I will relax.
THURS	
FRI	
SAT	
SUN	

Classroom activity: Work in pairs. Take turns to talk about your plans and intentions for next week. Write down your partner's plans in the weekly planner below. Find a new partner and tell him/her what your old partner is doing next week.



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Speaking

Discuss the following topics with a partner using the prompts below.

Weekend Plans

What are your plans for the upcoming weekend? Use the present continuous, "will," and "going to" to describe your activities.

Example: "I'm going to visit my grandparents on Saturday. On Sunday, I'm meeting my friends for lunch. If it's sunny, we will go to the park."

Social Events

Describe a social event you are planning to attend or host. Use the present continuous, "will," and "going to" to outline your plans and any decisions you've made.

Example: "I'm going to throw a party for my birthday. I'm inviting all my friends. We will have music, games, and lots of food."

Travel Plans

Talk about your next holiday or trip. Use the present continuous, "will," and "going to" to explain your plans and decisions.

Example: "I'm going to visit my grandparents on Saturday. On Sunday, I'm meeting my friends for lunch. If it's sunny, we will go to the park."

Study and Career Goals

Discuss your study or career goals. Use the present continuous, "will," and "going to" to talk about your future plans.

Example: "I'm going to study business at university next year. After that, I'm planning to start my own company. I will work hard to achieve my goals."



Moving to a New House

Imagine you are moving to a new house or flat. Use the present continuous, "will," and "going to" to talk about your plans and decisions related to the move.

Example: "I'm going to move to a new flat next month. I'm packing my things this weekend. I will buy new furniture for the living room."

Celebrating a Special Occasion

Talk about how you are planning to celebrate a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, or holiday. Use the present continuous, "will," and "going to" to describe your plans.

Example: "I'm going to celebrate my anniversary next week. We're having a nice dinner at our favourite restaurant. I will surprise my partner with a gift."

