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Unit 6 • Lesson A: Making plans

Vocabulary

afterwards	(adv)	
deadline	(n)	
schedule	(n)	
catch up with someone	(v)	

Grammar

Talking about the future

There are different ways of talking about the future.

Use will when you decide to do something as you are speaking:

I'll just stop by my apartment to get changed, and then I'll come right over to meet you.

Use *will* or *be going to* for factual information about the future:

You're going to be out of town, but you'll be back Friday?

You can also use will or be going to for predictions based on what you know:

My boss **is going to** make us work late Friday.

Our project won't be finished on time.

Use the present continuous or *be going to* (**not** *will*) for decisions you've made and fixed plans. The present continuous makes your plans sound more definite:

I'm meeting Anna after my kickboxing class.

We're going to have dinner together.

Use the simple present for schedules:

I have my kickboxing class tomorrow. It starts at 7:00.