

The Future

Unit 9 – Unit 14

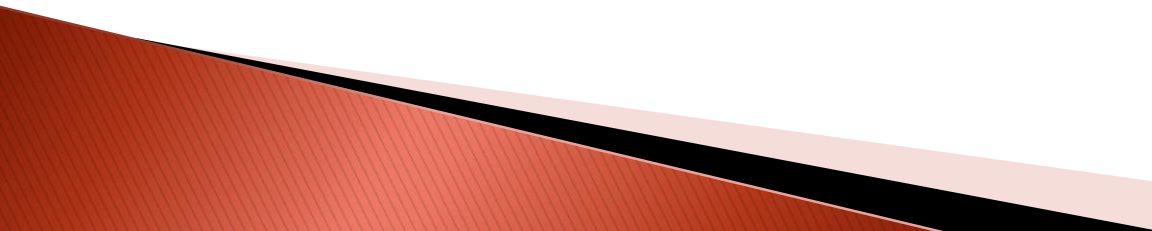
Ways to talk about the future

1. be going to + infinitive
2. present continuous
3. present simple
4. be to + infinitive
5. will
 - future simple / will + infinitive
 - future continuous
 - future perfect
 - future perfect continuous

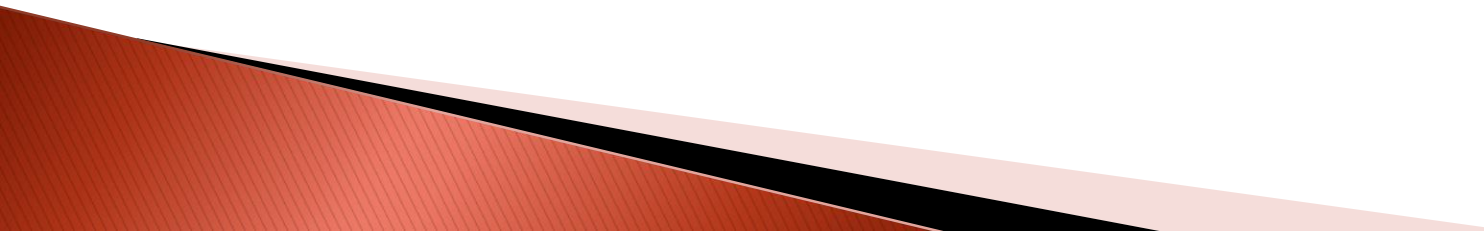
The future seen from the past

- ▶ going to + infinitive
 - is going to – was going to
- ▶ present continuous
 - is leaving – was leaving
- ▶ be to + infinitive
 - is to talk – was to talk
- ▶ Will
 - will – would
- ▶ present simple ✕

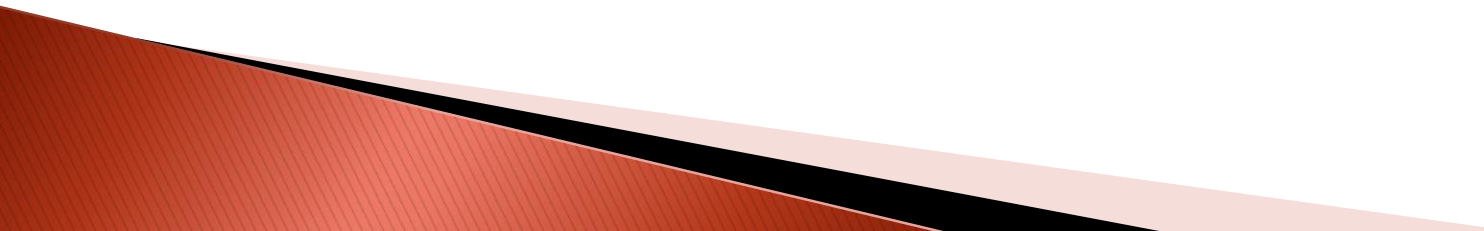
will + infinitive & going to + infinitive

- ▶ Formal written English & Spoken English
 - ▶ A meaning difference
 - ▶ shall & shan't
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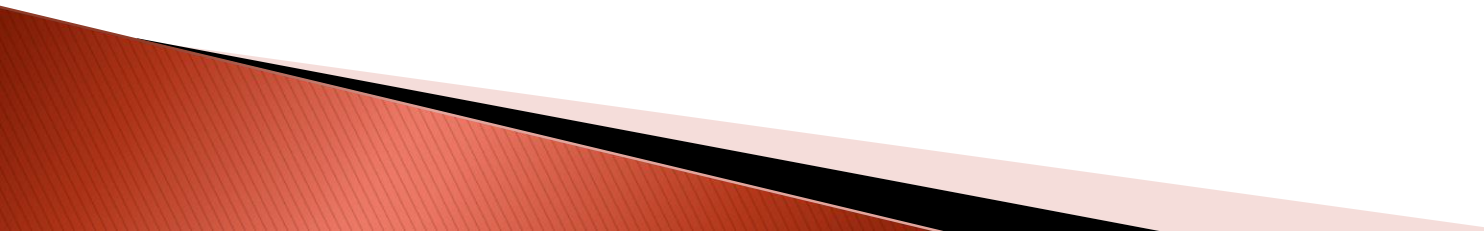
present continuous

- ▶ To talk about future activities and events that are intended or have already been arranged
 - ▶ To emphasize that we are talking about a definite arrangement
 - ▶ be going ✓
 - ▶ be going to go ✕
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present simple

- ▶ To talk about future events that are part of some official arrangement
 - ▶ To refer to the future in adverbial clauses introduced by time conjunctions
 - ▶ In *that*- and *wh*-clauses
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future continuous

- ▶ To talk about an activity or event going on at a particular time or over a particular period in the future, normally mentioning the future time
 - ▶ Future continuous & present continuous
 - ▶ Future continuous & will
 - ▶ To sound polite
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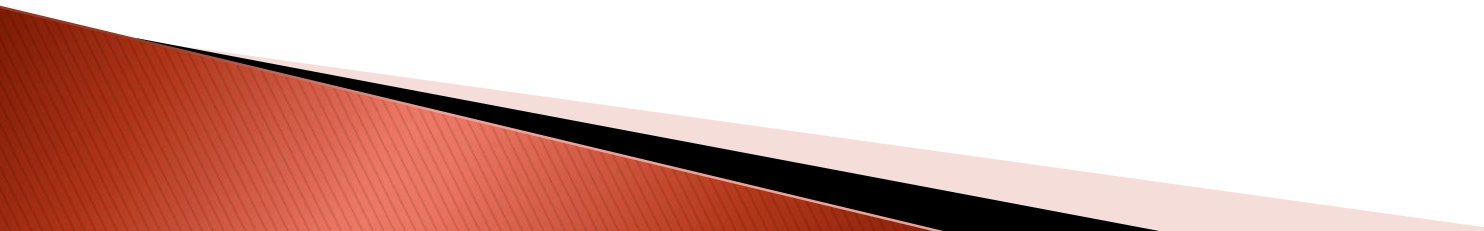
be to + infinitive

- ▶ To talk about formal or official arrangements, formal instructions, and to give orders, particularly common in news reports
- ▶ In *if*-clauses

future perfect

- ▶ To say that something will be ended, completed, or achieved by a particular point in the future

future perfect continuous

- ▶ To emphasize how long something has been going on by a particular point in the future
 - ▶ Not with verbs describing states
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Complete sentences in a proper way

1. The next meeting of the committee ____ (be) on November 5th. (official arrangement)

▶ is

2. The meeting ____ (begin) at 10.00 am. Coffee ____ (be) available from 9.30 onwards.

▶ will begin, will be; future events arranged in some detail

3. Toni tells me that she ____ (move) back to Spain.

▶ is going to move / is moving; intentions or decisions made before we report them

4. The sun ____ (rise) at 5.16 tomorrow.

- ▶ rises; a definite, specific prediction

5. If humans ____ (survive) as a species, we must address environmental issues now.

- ▶ are to survive; *if*-clause

6. By the time you get home I ____ (clean) the house from top to bottom.

- ▶ will / may / should have cleaned; future perfect

7. I ____ (go) to town on Saturday.

- ▶ am going / will go; avoid going to + go

8. It's late. I think I ____ (go) to bed now.

- ▶ will go; an arrangement now

9. You ____ (leave) the school without my permission.

- ▶ are not to leave; formal instruction

10. Wait here until I ____ (call) you.

- ▶ call; adverbial clauses

11. I guarantee that you ____ (enjoy) the play.

- ▶ will enjoy; main clause refers to the present, a promise
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12. I'm going to make sure that you ____ (be) invited next time.

- ▶ are; *that*-clause

13. We ____ (have) a party on Sunday, 12th November. Can you come?

- ▶ are having; a definite arrangement

14. We ____ (leave) for Istanbul at 7.00 in the evening.

- ▶ will be leaving / are leaving

15. Have you heard the news? Dr Radford ____ (leave).

- ▶ is leaving; unexpected events

16. On Saturday, we ____ (live) in this house for a year.

▶ will have been living

17. He ____ (find) out years later that the car he had bought was stolen.

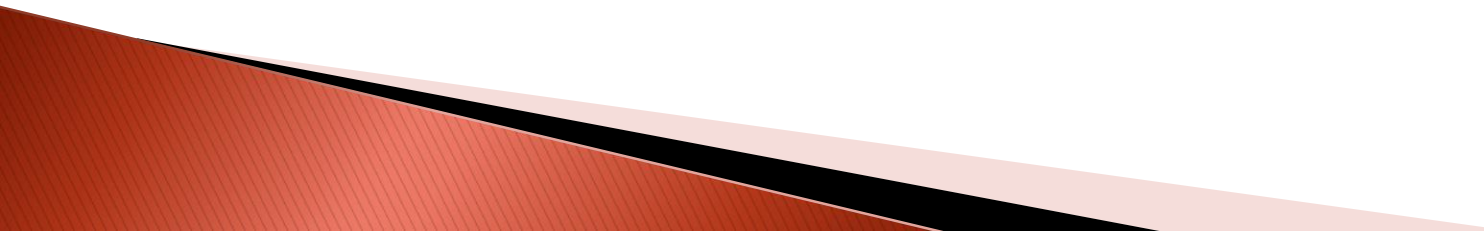
▶ was to find

18. I ____ (help) with the performance, but I got flu the day before.

▶ was to have helped



Compare sentences

- ▶ Will you come to the concert?
 - ▶ Will you be coming to the concert?
 - ▶ an invitation; asking about a possible previous arrangement
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- ▶ Ann will help us organize the party.
 - ▶ Ann will be helping us to organize the party.
 - ▶ she is willing to help; a previous arrangement
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- ▶ Are you starting work on the room today?
 - ▶ Are you going to be starting work on the room today?
 - ▶ Will you be starting work on the room today?
 - ▶ to sound more polite
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- ▶ I was seeing Jim later that day, but I had to phone and cancel.
 - ▶ He was sure that the medical tests would show that he was healthy.
 - ▶ I didn't see Jim; we don't know whether he was healthy or not
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