



FUTURE FORMS – WILL, BE GOING TO, PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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Exercise 2

Choose the most suitable future forms to complete the sentences below.

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⇒ We use **be going to** to **predict** future events that are very near or we can see will happen (there is **present evidence**).

2 **Are you turning** ✗ the music down, please?

Correct answer: Will you turn

⇒ We use **will** for offers and **requests** (when we ask someone to do something).

3 The film **is starting** ✗ at 5 p.m.

Correct answer: starts

⇒ We use the **present simple** to refer to **future events which are timetabled**.

4 I'm sure you **will win** ✓ the lottery one day.

⇒ We use **will** to **predict** future events that **we think will happen**.

5 Don't you have any money on you? Don't worry, I **'m going to pay** ✗ for the taxi.



⇒ We use **will** to express **instant decisions** (decisions that we make at the moment of speaking).

6 According to my diary, we **will meet** ✗ the buyers at 7p.m. tomorrow.

Correct answer: are meeting

⇒ We use the **present continuous** to talk or ask about **future arrangements**, i.e. future actions that are already planned or decided.

7 It's cold. **Shall I turn** ✓ the heating on?

⇒ We use **shall I** or **shall we** to make offers and suggestions.

8 I can't see you tomorrow. I **will play** ✗ football with my university friends.

Correct answer: 'm playing

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9 A: Maria phoned you. B: OK. I **am going to call** ✗ her back.

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10 Thanks for the money. I **will pay** ✓ you back on Friday.

⇒ We use **will** for **promises** and refusals.

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I'm going to fall down!

Don't worry. I'll take you to the hospital.

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