**Lesson4: Expressing the Future Simple:**

**Rule:**

In order to to talk about the future we use several ways; each for **specific cases**:

1. **Present Tenses with Future Meaning:**

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| 1. **Present Simple** | 1. **Present Continuous** |
| We use **the present simple** to talk about actions in the future determined by timetable and fixed programs. | We use the present continuous **(to be in the present + stem+ ‘ing)** to talk about definite arrangements for the future such as plans, and appointment. |
| **Examples:**  -The train leaves at 8 a.m on Saturday.  -The film doesn’t start until 7 p.m.  -What time is your flight tomorrow? | **Examples:**  **-**I am seeing the optician next week.  -We aren’t doing anything tomorrow.  -Are they getting married soon ?  🡺 we often use it with a future time expressions such as: **at + followed by time (ex: at 7 a.m), tonight, tomorrow, next weekend.. etc.** |

**B.**

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| **1. To be going to +stem** | **2. To be in the present +about to+ stem** |
| We use **to be going to + stem** to talk about :  **🡺** Future intentions:  **Example**:  I am going to buy a new car next month.  🡺When we can make predictions based on a present action:  **Example:**  **The present action**: There are dark clouds in the sky.  **The prediction**: It is going to rain. | We use to be about to + stem to talk about an imminent event.  **Example:**  -Can I call you back? I am about to go out.  -Be quiet, the film is about to start.  **3.** **To be in the past+ about to+ stem:**  We use to be in the past+ about to+ stem when we talk about something in the future that we planned to do but we didn’t do.  **Example:**  I was about to see Ridge, but he cancelled the meeting. |

**C. Will+ Stem:**

We use will+ stem when we talk about:

🡺**Predictions**: Example: Robots will govern the world.

🡺**Immediate decisions**: Example: I will help you with this homework.

**Activities: Complete the following sentences with the right form of the future:**

**-** The sun is really hot today, we ……………………………………… burnt (to get).

**-A:** What ………………….... on holidays? (to do). **B.** I…………………………. on the beach (to lay).

**-**The exhibition ……………..……………. on January the 6th. (to start)

**-**I…………………….…………. the manager of this company this afternoon. (to meet).

**-**This pizza is enormous, you ……………………..………………………..it. (not to finish).

**-**By 2050, Robots ……………………….. a revolution against humans. (to make)

**-**She ……………………………… to take a shower, when she slipped on the wetty floor. (to take)

**-**At what time…………………………….? The concert…………………………….. at 8 p.m. (to start)

**-**Look at the long queue for the film, the tickets ……………… sold out in the few next hours. (to be)

**-**Your friend isn’t polite, I …………….…………………………. to him again. (to speak).

**-**He ………………………………….…with his wife this evening. (to have)

**-**He comes late to the school, he ………………………..…………… detention. (to get)

**-A:** Enter please, the guests …….………………………….. ………. (to gather).

-The near future ………………………………… many disaster for the human kinds. (to bring).

-Sam …………………………………..…… Chemistry next year. (to study)

-……………. Elizabeth……………………………….…….. a graduation party this week ?(To throw)

-He …………………………………..… home when he crashed into another car. (to drive)

-We ……………………………………. to the travel agency tomorrow morning. (to go)

-The glass is near the edge, it ………….……………………….. (to fall).

-Tomorrow …………………………….... a sunny day in Algiers, said the weatherwoman. (to be)

-A: I can’t open this jar. B: Give it to me , I ………..…………………… it for you. (to open).