

Future tenses in review

GRAMMAR

LEVEL
Intermediate

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LANGUAGE
English





Goals

- Can structure the present continuous for future arrangements.
- Can distinguish between the different ways of expressing the future.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to **review** all of the different **future tenses** that you have learnt so far.



I think this **will** be an interesting lesson!



The future with *will*

- The **future with *will*** is often called the **future simple**.
- Look at two of the ways we use it to talk about the future below:

Predictions

- I think it **will** rain tomorrow.
- The boss **will** be really happy with this presentation.

Offers and promises

- I**ll** carry your bag for you.
- We**ll** pick you up tomorrow and drive you to work.



The future with *will*

- To form the **future with *will*** we use ***will* + infinitive**.
- Look at these examples:

Positive	Negative	Question
It will rain tomorrow.	It won't rain tomorrow.	Will it rain tomorrow?
I will help you.	I won't help you.	Will you help me?



The future with *going to*

- The **future** with *going to* is used to talk about **plans** or **predictions with evidence**.

Plans	Predictions
I am going to go on holiday in September this year.	My boss hates it when people miss deadlines so he is going to be angry if this project is late.
Claire's going to drive to work today.	Look at those dark clouds! It's going to rain.



The future with *going to*

- To form the **future with *going to*** we use ***be + going to + infinitive***.
- Look at these examples:

Positive	Negative	Question
It is going to rain.	It isn't going to rain.	Is it going to rain?
You're going to take the bus today.	You're not going to take the bus today.	Are you going to take the bus today?



Fill in the gaps

Choose the correct future form of the verb.

will

will

going to

going to

1. I think it _____ be sunny later so you don't need an umbrella.
2. My colleague is very lazy so he isn't _____ be happy about the extra work.
3. My car is at the garage so I am _____ take the train to work tomorrow.
4. I _____ carry your bags down to the car.





Speaking

Ask and answer the questions with your classmates.

What are you
going to do after
work today?

Where will you
go on holiday
this year?

What do you
think the weather
will be like next
week?

What tasks are
you going to do
at work today?



Speaking with *will*

What problem do these people have? Explain to the class what you will do to help them.





The present continuous for the future

- We use the **present continuous** to talk about **arrangements** in the **future**.

I'm meeting my friends after work today.

My boss is coming to the office tomorrow.

Nora is starting work at 7am on Friday.

We're having an office Christmas party this year.





The present continuous for the future

- The **present continuous for the future** is made using **be + ing**.
- Look at these examples:

Affirmative	Negative	Question
Nora is starting work at 7am tomorrow.	Nora isn't starting work at 7am tomorrow.	Is Nora starting work at 7am tomorrow?
I'm travelling to Athens on Friday.	I'm not travelling to Athens on Friday.	Are you travelling to Athens on Friday?



Going to and the present continuous

The **difference** between *going to* and the **present continuous** for the future is sometimes hard for students to understand.

- **Going to** focuses more on the **decision** or **intention** to do something. **Going to** is also often used for **personal plans**.
- The **present continuous** focuses more on the **action** itself. It is used for **arrangements** with other **people**.

Going to	Present continuous
I am going to go shopping tomorrow.	I'm meeting my friends at the shopping centre tomorrow.
I'm going to go to bed early tonight.	I'm seeing a film with my wife at the cinema tonight.



Looking forward to

- When you are **excited** or **happy** about something in the **future** we use the expression *looking forward to*.
- The structure is **be + looking forward to + ing**.

I am looking forward to starting my new job.

Sara is looking forward to meeting her new colleagues.

They are looking forward to finishing this project.

I am looking forward to my birthday party.





Fill in the gaps

Choose between *will*, *be going to* or the present continuous to fill the gaps.

1. I _____ (work) really hard today.
2. I _____ (help) you with the presentation.
3. I _____ (meet) my colleagues for a drink after work.
4. Julie _____ (ask) her boss about getting a raise tomorrow.
5. Adam _____ (take) the train to London with all of his co-workers on Friday.





Speaking

Talk with your classmates about what these people are going to do after work and what they are doing tomorrow. Be careful with the tenses you use.



Dave, 22



Lisa, 35



Barry, 50



Agatha, 55



Tell your classmates

... about two things you are looking forward to doing at work and one thing you aren't looking forward to doing.



I'm looking forward to...

I'm not looking forward to...



The infinitive of purpose

- We can use a **to- infinitive** to **express purpose**.

- I'm meeting my boss tomorrow **to talk** about a promotion.
- I am emailing **to ask** about the project.





In order to

- The phrase *in order to* is used in the same way as the **to- infinitive**.
- *In order to* is a more **formal** way of **expressing purpose**.

To	In order to
I'm calling to speak to Jane.	I'm calling in order to speak to Jane.
To get a first aid certificate, you need to do a course.	In order to get a first aid certificate, you need to do a course.



Grammar examples

- Look at some more examples:



I'm emailing **to** clarify some details.

I'm calling **in order to** tell you about the presentation.





Complete the sentences

How could you end these sentence?

1. I'm going to call HR in order to...
2. I'm meeting my boss tomorrow to...
3. I'm going to email my colleagues to...
4. I'm taking the bus on Friday in order to...



Email example

Read through this email from Diana to Tony. Make note of any future tenses used.

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To: tony@myfriend.com			
Subject: my future at work			
<p>Dear Tony,</p> <p>Thanks for your email. You asked about my plans for work this year.</p> <p>I'm excited to tell you that I'm meeting my boss next week to talk about a new project he has for me. I think it will lead to a promotion in the future.</p> <p>I'm also going to start learning German at home – I think it'll be good for my career. How about you?</p> <p>Speak soon,</p> <p>Diana</p>			



Writing

You are now Tony and you are going to write a reply to Diana. Tony has big plans for next year.

- Look at the suggested plans on the right.
- Which are firm arrangements, which are plans and which are predictions?

meet the CEO
for a chat

manage a project

learn Spanish

lead a group
retreat

do a first aid course



Email writing

Now write the email from Tony to Diana to explain his plans for the next year.

The image shows a simplified email composition window. At the top right, there are three window control buttons: a minus sign, a square, and a red 'X' button. Below these, there are two input fields. The first field is labeled 'To:' and contains the text 'diana@myfriend.com'. The second field is labeled 'Subject:' and contains the text 'my plans for work'. Below these fields is a large rectangular area for the email body, which contains several horizontal lines for text entry.



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

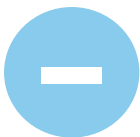
no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 16

1. am going to, 2. will help, 3. am meeting, 4. is going to ask, 5. is taking

Exercise p. 9

1. will, 2. going to, 3. going to, 4. will





Fill in the gaps with the correct word or form of the future tense

1. I called _____ ask about how much paid holiday we have.
2. I _____ the train to work tomorrow because it's faster than the car.
3. I am _____ starting a new project at work.
4. Oh don't worry! I _____ you set up the meeting room.
5. Sarah _____ a meeting on Tuesday with all of her colleagues to plan a retirement party for the boss.

help

take

to

**looking
forward to**

have



Email writing

Write an email telling a friend about your plans for work over the next year. Try to use as many different future tenses as possible.

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To:

Subject: Work in the next year

Dear...



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 30

1. to, 2. going to take, 3. looking forward to, 4. will help, 5. is having



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