

Will Future & Be Going to Future Exercises

► Practice 1. Simple future: *will*. (Chart 4-1)

Correct the errors with *will*. Two sentences have no errors.

1. Harry's birthday is tomorrow. He wills be fifty years old.
2. The store will stays open tomorrow night until 11:00 P.M.
3. Seventeen people will to be at the marketing meeting.
4. The new senator will make her first speech in Congress tomorrow.
5. Our teacher don't will be here tomorrow.
6. Will you call me tonight?

► Practice 2. Simple future: *be going to*. (Chart 4-1)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be going to* + the verb in parentheses.

1. Ben (*visit*) _____ his roommate's home for the holidays.
2. Delfina is a great tennis player. She (*win*) _____ the tennis tournament.
3. Which history course (*you, take*) _____ next semester?
4. The weather forecasters are saying it (*not, be*) _____ a cold winter this year.
5. What about Marta and Bob? (*they, join*) _____ us Saturday night?
6. I (*not, lie*) _____ to you. I (*tell*) _____
_____ you the truth.

► **Practice 3. Simple future: *will* and *be going to*.** (Chart 4-1)

Complete the sentences in two ways. Write sentence a. with ***will*** and sentence b. with ***be going to***. Use the correct verb from the list.

arrive
bloom

buy
end

rain
set

take

1. a. The sun rose at 5:46 this morning, and it _____ at 6:52 tonight.
b. The sun rose at 5:46 this morning, and it _____ at 6:52 tonight.
2. a. The flight left Bangkok at noon today, and it _____ in Mumbai at midnight.
b. The flight left Bangkok at noon today, and it _____ in Mumbai at midnight.
3. a. There are dark clouds over the mountain. It _____ later today.
b. There are dark clouds over the mountain. It _____ later today.
4. a. We planted the flowers in March, and they _____ in June.
b. We planted the flowers in March, and they _____ in June.
5. a. Our semester began in January, and it _____ in May.
b. Our semester began in January, and it _____ in May.
6. a. When _____ you _____ a new computer?
b. When _____ you _____ a new computer?
7. a. I _____ not _____ a vacation this year. Maybe next year.
b. I _____ not _____ a vacation this year. Maybe next year.

► **Practice 5. Will vs. be going to.** (Chart 4-2)

Circle a, if the meaning describes a prior plan. Circle b, if the meaning describes a decision of the moment.

1. I can't have lunch with you on Friday because I'm going to give a speech at noon to the Chamber of Commerce.
a. prior plan b. decision of the moment
2. My computer just crashed. I'll call the technical department to fix it right now.
a. prior plan b. decision of the moment
3. It's very icy and slippery on my street this morning. I'll go out and clear the sidewalk.
a. prior plan b. decision of the moment
4. Roberto and Sandy are going to get married next Saturday.
a. prior plan b. decision of the moment
5. Jimmy is going to have a tonsillectomy on Monday. The doctors are going to take out his tonsils because they are infected.
a. prior plan b. decision of the moment
6. Look at the price of the airport limo. It's too much money. We'll go to the airport by bus.
a. prior plan b. decision of the moment

► **Practice 6. Will vs. be going to.** (Chart 4-2)

Circle the correct response(s) to the questions or statements. More than one response may be correct.

1. A: What about Dominick? Doesn't he want to come with us?
B: Nobody knows! (*I'll call him / I'm going to call him*) tonight to find out.
2. A: Jessica practices her violin for ten hours a day!
B: I know! (*She's going to be / She'll be*) a famous violinist some day.
3. A: How about dinner and a movie on Friday?
B: Sorry, I can't. (*I'm going to fly / I'll fly*) to London on Friday evening.
4. A: Do you and Paul have tickets for any of the hockey games this season?
B: Yes, we do. (*We're going to the game / We'll go to the game*) tomorrow night.
5. A: I can't open this jar!
B: Give it to me. (*I'm going to open it / I'll open it*) for you.
6. A: So you're leaving to go to another university, Professor Hu!
B: Yes, (*I'm going to teach / I will teach*) at Emory University. They've made me a great offer.

► **Practice 7. Will vs. be going to.** (Chart 4-2)

Complete the sentences with **will** or **be going to** as appropriate. Include any words in parentheses.

1. A: Excuse me, waiter! This isn't what I ordered. I ordered a chicken salad.
B: Sorry, sir. I will take this back and get your salad.
A: Thank you.
2. A: Would you like to join Linda and me tomorrow? We are going to visit the natural history museum.
B: Sure. I've never been there.

3. A: Where's the mustard?
B: In the refrigerator, on the middle shelf.
A: I've looked there.
B: OK. I _____ get it for you.
4. A: What's all this paint for? (*you*) _____ paint your house?
B: No, we _____ paint my mother's house.
5. A: Paul, do you want to go to the mall with me?
B: No thanks. I already have plans. I _____ wash my car and then clean out the basement.
6. A: Someone needs to take this report to Mr. Day's office right away, but I can't leave my desk.
B: I _____ do it.
A: Thanks.
7. A: Who'll pick up Uncle Jack at the airport?
B: I _____.
8. A: Why is Carlos wearing a suit and tie? He usually wears jeans to class.
B: He _____ give a speech at the faculty lunch today.
9. A: Let me ask you something, Toshi.
B: Sure. What's up, Andy?
A: I _____ interview for a job this afternoon, and . . . well, do I need a tie? I don't have a decent one!
B: Yes, you need a tie. I _____ lend you one of mine.
A: Thanks.
10. A: You're going out?
B: Yes. I _____ stop at the grocery store for some fruit and some rice. Can you think of anything else we need?
A: How about getting some chocolate-covered nuts?
B: Good idea! I _____ get some of those too.

► **Practice 8. Expressing the future in time clauses.** (Chart 4-3)

Underline the time clause in each sentence and circle its verb.

1. I'll see you when you return from your trip.
2. After the rain stops, we'll go out.
3. We're going to keep driving until it gets dark.
4. As soon as the baby is born, we'll let you know!
5. When he retires, Barry is going to take painting classes.
6. You will be able to vote when you are eighteen years old.

7. I'm going to go to bed as soon as the late news is over.
8. The students will return to campus when the new semester begins.

► **Practice 9. Expressing the future in time clauses.** (Chart 4-3)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

1. Grandma and Grandpa are planning to travel often when they (*retire*) _____.
2. I'll wake up tomorrow morning when the alarm clock (*ring*) _____.
3. The students will relax after they (*finish*) _____ their final exams.
4. You'll feel a lot better after you (*take*) _____ this medicine.
5. The residents of the coastal areas will prepare for the hurricane before it (*arrive*) _____.
6. Mark will work in a law firm as soon as he (*graduate*) _____ from law school.
7. We'll have dinner as soon as the rice (*be*) _____ ready.
8. I'll tell you as soon I (*hear*) _____ any news.
9. Before we (*leave*) _____ on vacation, we'll stop our newspaper delivery.
10. We'll start our newspaper delivery again after we (*get*) _____ back from vacation.

► **Practice 10. Expressing the future in time clauses.** (Chart 4-3)

Write the letter of the clause from either Column A or Column B to complete the sentences correctly.

	Column A	Column B
1. When I see Irina later, <u>b</u> .	a. I give her the news	b. I'll give her the news
2. I'll call you tomorrow ____.	a. after I talk to Rita	b. after I will talk to Rita
3. As soon as I hear from Tom, ____.	a. I call you	b. I'll call you
4. We'll all be very happy ____.	a. when you get here	b. when you will get here
5. I'll save my files ____.	a. before I shut down my computer	b. before I will shut down my computer
6. The passengers will get off the plane ____.	a. after it lands	b. after it is going to land
7. My cell phone won't work ____.	a. until I unlock it	b. until I will unlock it
8. After the party is over tonight, ____.	a. we call a taxi to go home	b. we'll call a taxi to go home
9. I'm not going to pay for the refrigerator ____.	a. until they fix the broken door	b. until they will fix the broken door
10. I'll take this new medicine ____.	a. before I go to bed tonight	b. before I will go to bed tonight

► **Practice 11. Expressing the future in time clauses.** (Chart 4-3)

Complete the sentences with the following: the simple present, the future with **will**, or the future with a form of **be going to**. In some sentences, both **will** and **be going to** may be possible.

- The strike has been going on for over two months now. The strikers
(*return, not*) will not / are not going to return to work until they (*get*) get
a raise and the benefits they are demanding.
- When Rita (*get*) _____ her driver's license next week, she (*be*) _____
_____ able to drive to school every day.
- A: Mr. Jackson called. He'll be here at the garage to pick up his car in a few minutes. He
(*be, not*) _____ very happy when he (*learn*) _____ about
the bill for repairs on his car. Do you want to talk to him when he (*come*) _____
in and (*ask*) _____ about his bill?
B: Not especially, but I will.
- After Ali (*return*) _____ to his country next month, he (*start*) _____
_____ working at the Ministry of Agriculture.
- According to the newspaper, the Department of Transportation (*build*) _____
_____ a new four-lane highway into the city next year. In my opinion, it
(*be*) _____ obsolete before they (*complete*) _____ it.
It seems to me that a six-lane highway is needed to handle the heavy traffic.
- A: Have you heard any news about Barbara since her car accident?
B: No, I've heard nothing. As soon as I (*hear*) _____ something, I
(*let*) _____ you know.
- A: I see you're reading *The Silk Road*.
B: I (*lend*) _____ it to you as soon as I (*finish*) _____ it.
A: Really? Thanks!
- A: Relax. The plumber is on his way. He (*be*) _____ here before
long to fix that leak in the pipe under the kitchen sink.
B: Oh, good. I (*be*) _____ happy to get that pipe fixed.



► **Practice 12. Using the present progressive and the simple present to express**

6. A: Nobody has volunteered to bring the drinks for the festival Saturday night. Olga, how about you? Harry, how about you? Please . . . can somebody help us out? leaning
B: OK, OK. ____ it.
a. I'll do
b. I'm doing
c. I'm going to do

► **Practice 14. Using the present progressive to express future time.** (Chart 4-4)

Change the verbs in *italics* to a form of the present progressive in the sentences that express a planned event or definite intention. For the sentences where no change is possible, write "NC."

1. A: The package has to be there tomorrow. Will it get there in time?
B: Don't worry. *I'm going to send* it by express mail.
I'm sending it by express mail.
2. A: What's the weather report?
B: *It is going to rain* tomorrow morning.
NC
3. A: Would you like to have dinner with me tonight, Pat?
B: Thanks, but *I'm going to have* dinner with my sister and her husband.
press
4. A: What *are you going to do* this evening?
B: *I'm going to study* at the library.
5. A: Oh, I spilled my coffee on the floor.
B: *I'll help* you clean it up.
6. A: Did you know that Kathy and Paul are engaged?
B: No. That's great! When *are they going to get* married?
A: In September.
7. A: *You're going to laugh* when I tell you what happened to me today!
B: Oh? What happened?
8. A: Have you lived here long?
B: No, not long. Only about a year. But *we're going to move* again next month. My father's company has reassigned him to Atlanta, Georgia.
with

5. We didn't stand in line for tickets = 2
we had already bought them by mail = 1
6. Carl played the guitar so well = 2
he had studied with a famous guitarist = 1
7. the movie ended = 2
everyone had fallen asleep = 1
8. the professor had corrected the third paper = 1
he was exhausted from writing comments on the student's papers = 2
9. I had just placed an order at the store for a new camera = 1
I found a cheaper one online = 2

PRACTICE 15, p. 34

1. had not gotten
2. had not met
3. had not taken
4. had not eaten
5. had not had

PRACTICE 16, p. 34

1. b. had already finished
2. a. turned on
3. b. had burned
4. b. had never spent
5. a. helped
6. b. had never visited
7. b. had traveled

PRACTICE 17, p. 34

1. went ... had never been ... didn't take ... was
2. ate ... had never eaten
3. A: saw ... did ... Had you ever acted
B: started

PRACTICE 18, p. 35

1. have been studying
2. had been studying
3. have been waiting
4. had been waiting
5. had been working
6. has been working

PRACTICE 19, p. 35

1. had been listening ... have been dancing ... singing
2. have been waiting
3. had been waiting
4. has been training
5. had been running
6. had been trying ... has been teaching
7. has been performing
8. have been working ... had been building

PRACTICE 20, p. 36

1. I've **seen** it ten times.
2. I've **been** reading it ...
3. Our guests **left** ...
4. We **have been** studying ...
5. I've been having ...
6. ... **had** eaten.
7. ..., so I **ran** ...
8. She **left** ...
9. ..., I **had** celebrated ...
10. B: ... I **have been** holding for more than half an hour!

CHAPTER 4: FUTURE TIME

PRACTICE 1, p. 37

1. He **will** be
2. will **stay** open
3. **will** be

4. Correct.
5. Our teacher **won't** be
6. Correct.

PRACTICE 2, p. 37

1. is going to visit
2. is going to win
3. are you going to take
4. is not going to be
5. Are they going to join
6. am not going to lie ... I am going to tell

PRACTICE 3, p. 38

1. a. will set
b. is going to set
2. a. will arrive
b. is going to arrive
3. a. will rain
b. is going to rain
4. a. will bloom
b. are going to bloom
5. a. will end
b. is going to end
6. a. will ... buy
b. are ... going to buy
7. a. will ... take
b. am ... going to take

PRACTICE 4, p. 38

1. Willingness
2. Prediction
3. Prediction
4. Prior plan
5. Willingness
6. Prior plan
7. Prediction

PRACTICE 5, p. 39

1. a. prior plan
2. b. decision of the moment
3. b. decision of the moment
4. a. prior plan
5. a. prior plan
6. b. decision of the moment

PRACTICE 6, p. 39

1. I'll call him
2. She's going to be / She'll be
3. I'm going to fly
4. We're going to the game
5. I'll open it
6. I'm going to teach / I will teach

PRACTICE 7, p. 39

1. will
2. are going to
3. will
4. A: Are you going to
B: are going to
5. am going to
6. will
7. will
8. is going to
9. A: am going to
B: will
10. B: am going to ... will

PRACTICE 8, p. 40

Time Clauses

1. when you (return) from your trip
2. After the train (stops)
3. until it (gets) dark
4. As soon as the baby (is born)
5. When he (retires)
6. when you (are) eighteen years old
7. as soon as the late news (is) over
8. when the new semester (begins)

PRACTICE 9, p. 41

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| 1. retire | 6. graduates |
| 2. rings | 7. is |
| 3. finish | 8. hear |
| 4. take | 9. leave |
| 5. arrives | 10. get |

PRACTICE 10, p. 41

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| 1. b | 6. a |
| 2. a | 7. a |
| 3. b | 8. b |
| 4. a | 9. a |
| 5. a | 10. a |

PRACTICE 11, p. 42

1. will not / are not going to return . . . get
2. gets . . . will / is going to be
3. is not going to / won't be . . . learns . . . comes . . . asks
4. returns . . . is going to / will start
5. is going to / will build . . . is going to / will be . . . complete
6. hear . . . will let
7. will lend . . . finish
8. A: will / is going to be
B: will / am going to be

PRACTICE 12, p. 43

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| 1. 'm seeing | 4. is working |
| 2. is having | 5. 're having |
| 3. is opening | 6. are attending |

PRACTICE 13, p. 43

1. a, b, c
2. c
3. a, b
4. a, b, c
5. a, b
6. a

PRACTICE 14, p. 44

1. I'm sending
2. NC
3. I'm having
4. A: are you doing
B: I'm studying
5. NC
6. are they getting
7. NC
8. we're moving
9. Is he teaching
10. A: I'm not sending
B: I'm coming