

# FUTURE

In English we don't have one future tense. We use several forms to talk about different ideas about the future.

We use **will + infinitive without to**:

1. to express a spontaneous decision made at the moment of speaking (on the spot) decision

- You seem exhausted and can't carry these boxes; I'll help you.
- The phone rings. I'll answer it.
- I need some money. – Ok. I'll lend you.
- Look! Mother just gave me JD 100. I.....(buy) myself a new jacket at last.
- Don't pick up the phone, I.....(answer) it.
- 'Do you want tea or coffee?'  
'I..... (have) a cup of tea, please.'
- 'I don't like this TV programme.' 'OK, I.....(switch) it off.'
- 'Have you done your homework?' 'No, I.....(do) it later.'
- 'Who wants to help Farah with her project?'  
'I.....(get) information from the Internet.'
- 'Is your brother coming to the match tomorrow?'  
'I don't know but I.....(ask) him when I see him.'
- 'Aren't you two going to help prepare the meal?'  
'Oh, sorry! I.....(help) you in a minute.'

2. We use **will** to talk about the future if we are predicting the future without evidence.

- I think she will win the competition.
- It's possible that Ali will pass the exam.
- I think that they will be late.
- In my opinion, teachers will be replaced by computers in the future.
- Natalie is going on holiday tomorrow. I'm sure she will enjoy it.

We can use it with **perhaps, probably, maybe, I think, I hope and It's possible**

- I **think** that Hamza..... (spend) Ramadan with his family in Amman.
- I **think** that in hundred years' time every big city.....(have five airports)
- I **don't think** my family.....in this city when I go to university. ( stay )
- I **don't think** we.....all our pollution problems in the future. (solve)
- I'm too tired to walk home. I **think** I.....a taxi. (take)
- I feel a bit hungry. I **think** I.....something to eat. (have)

use (be going to + infinitive without to) to talk about:

1. **Future plans.** It does not have to be for the near future.
  - I'm going to study law.
  - I'm going to do my assignments every night next week.
  - I'm going to see the dentist this weekend.
  - I've decided to stay at home tonight – I am going to study for my history test.

2. **predictions based on evidence**

- There are lots of clouds, it's going to rain.
- Salman is blindfolded; he's going to fall down in the hole.
- Sami didn't prepare well for his exams, he's going to fail.
- He doesn't look healthy and never does any exercise. He is going to have a heart attack.
- Just look at Farah. Everyone can see that she is going to fall asleep any second now.
- Look at all this ice. We are not going to reach the top of the mountain, so let's go back.
- Our team is playing very badly. We are not going to win this game.
- I feel terrible. I.....sick. (be)

#### A review of future forms

- The Present Simple is used when there is a **scheduled or fixed events in the future.**
- The Present Continuous is used for a **personal arrangement.**
- Going to is used for **intentions** and will is used for **spontaneous decisions.**
- Going to is used for **predictions based on evidence**
- Will is used for **predictions based on opinions and beliefs.**

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- 1 People \_\_\_\_\_ on Mars in the future. (live)
- 2 Hani is playing with fire. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself. (hurt)
- 3 I think paper books \_\_\_\_\_ in the future. (disappear)
- 4 Don't carry that box. I \_\_\_\_\_ it. (carry)
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ football after school this afternoon. (play)
- 6 What do you like to drink? I \_\_\_\_\_ lemon juice. (have)
- 7 I think the English exam \_\_\_\_\_ easy. (be)
- 8 Perhaps Amal \_\_\_\_\_ us tomorrow. (visit)
- 9 Look! The little boy is on the tree. He \_\_\_\_\_. (fall down)
- 10 Robots \_\_\_\_\_ our houses in the future. (run)
- 11 Rami is working very hard for Tawjihi. He \_\_\_\_\_ at university. (study)
- 12 Experts believe that global warming \_\_\_\_\_ very soon. (not decrease)
- 13 It is expected that oil \_\_\_\_\_ in 2050. (run out)
- 14 Nawal is very tired tonight. She \_\_\_\_\_ very early in the morning. (not wake up)
- 15 My father \_\_\_\_\_ next year. (retire)
- 16 My father is 59 years old. He \_\_\_\_\_ next year. (retire)

## Answers

- 1 will live
- 2 is going to hurt
- 3 will disappear
- 4 'll carry
- 5 are going to play
- 6 'll have
- 7 will be
- 8 will visit

- 9 is going to fall down
- 10 will run
- 11 is going to study
- 12 will not decrease
- 13 will run out
- 14 is not going to wake up
- 15 will retire
- 16 is going to retire

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of will or be going to and the verb in brackets.

- 1 A: Why are you buying flour and eggs?  
B: Because I ...'m going to make... (make) a cake.
- 2 A: I have decided what to buy Mum for her birthday.  
B: Really? What .....  
(you/buy) for her?
- 3 A: Did you ask Jackie to the party?  
B: Oh no! I forgot! I .....  
(ask) her tonight.
- 4 A: Could I speak to Jim, please?  
B: Wait a minute. I ..... (get) him for you.
- 5 A: What are your plans for the weekend?  
B: I ..... (spend)  
some time with my friends.
- 6 A: What are you doing on Friday night?  
B: Oh, I .....  
(probably/stay) at home with my family.
- 7 A: Have you tidied your room yet?  
B: No, but I promise I ..... (do) it this afternoon.
- 8 A: Look at that boy!  
B: Oh yes! He .....  
(climb) the tree.
- 9 A: Jason is very clever for his age.  
B: Yes. He says he .....  
(become) a doctor when he grows up.
- 10 A: I'm too tired to cut the grass.  
B: Don't worry! I ..... (cut) it for you.

Put the verbs in brackets into the future simple, the present simple or the present continuous.

- 1 A: I ...am seeing... (see) Roger at seven o'clock tonight.  
B: Really? I thought he was out of town.
- 2 A: ..... (you/do) anything on Friday morning?  
B: No, I'm free.
- 3 A: I ..... (go) to the cinema. There's a new film on. Do you want to come with me?  
B: What time ..... (the film/start)?
- 4 A: Helen ..... (have) a party the day after tomorrow. .... (you/go)?  
B: As a matter of fact, I haven't been invited.
- 5 A: The new exhibition ..... (open) on April 3rd and ..... (finish) on May 31st.  
B: I know. I ..... (go) on the first day.
- 6 A: Aunt Maggie ..... (come) to visit us tomorrow.  
B: I know. What time ..... (she/arrive)?
- 7 A: Excuse me, what time ..... (the train/leave)?  
B: At half past three, madam.
- 8 A: Michael Jackson ..... (give) a concert at the Olympic Stadium next week.  
B: I know. I ..... (want) to get a ticket.
- 9 A: I'm really thirsty.  
B: I ..... (get) you a glass of water.
- 10 A: Are you looking forward to your party?  
B: Yes. I hope everyone ..... (enjoy) it.
- 11 A: How old is your sister?  
B: She ..... (be) twelve next month.
- 12 A: What are you doing tonight?  
B: I ..... (probably/watch) TV after dinner.