

# THEME 1 FUTURE JOBS GRAMMAR

## THE FUTURE TENSES

### 1. BE GOING TO FUTURE TENSE

- We use “be going to” for our plans.

*I booked a table for two for this evening. I am going to take my wife to one of the best restaurants in the city.*

- We use “be going to” for intentions.

*I'm going to study hard and pass the exam.*

- We use “be going to” for predictions based on what we see.

*Look at these black clouds. It's going to rain.*

#### Affirmative

#### Subject + am / is / are + going to + Verb

I am

He / She / It is going to paint the walls.

We / You / They are

#### Negative

#### Subject + am / is / are + not + going to + Verb

I am not

He / She / It is not (isn't) going to paint the walls.

We / You / They are not (aren't)

#### Interrogative

#### Am / Is / Are + Subject + going to + Verb

Am I

Is he / she / it going to paint the walls?

Are we / you / they

### 2. SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

#### We use “will future”

- for the decisions made at the time of speaking.

*A: What would you like to have, coffee or tea?*

*B: I will have tea please. (The speaker decides at the moment of speaking.)*

- for predictions with no evidence.

*I don't know what I'll do tomorrow. I think I'll stay at home.*

- for promises or threats.

*Take your umbrella with you; otherwise, you will get soaked.*

*Don't worry mum, I will let you know when I arrive.*

- for requests and offers.

*Will you please help me to tidy my room?*

- with be sure, think, hope, be afraid, expect, believe, promise, guess maybe and perhaps.

*I hope I'll win the game.*

*I'm afraid she won't come to your party.*

## **Affirmative**

### **Subject + Will + Verb**

I / He / She / It            will open the door for you.

We / You / They            will open the door for you.

## **Negative**

### **Subject + Will not (Won't)+ Verb**

I / He / She / It            will not (won't) open the door for you.

We / You / They            will not (won't) open the door for you.

## **Interrogative**

### **Will + Subject + Verb**

Will I / he / she / it / we / you / they open the door for you?

### **Time expressions often used with the future tenses “Will” and “Be going to”:**

Tomorrow, tomorrow morning/afternoon/evening, next Monday/April/week/weekend/month/year, soon, in 2025.

## **3. PRESENT CONTINUOUS FOR FUTURE MEANING**

### **We use the present continuous tense for future**

- personal future arrangements

*I am seeing Mary tomorrow.*

*He is taking Sue out for dinner on Sunday.*

**NOTE :** With this tense, we usually give future time expressions such as tomorrow, this evening, on Tuesday, next weekend, etc...

*A: What are you doing this evening?*

*B: I am having dinner with Jamie.*

## **4. FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE**

### **We use the future continuous tense**

- to describe an unfinished action which will be in progress at a time in the future.

*We will be travelling across Europe by train in June.*

*I can't come with you at 9 p.m. I will be watching the match at that time.*

*I'll be writing the articles for a tabloid newspaper next month.*

- to indicate that the longer action (the future continuous tense) will be interrupted by a shorter action in the future.

*When the guests arrive, we will be having dinner.*

**Attention:** We use the simple present tense for interruptions. Because, the interruptions are in time clauses and we cannot use future tenses in time clauses.

*I will be waiting for you at the airport when your plane arrives.*

## **Affirmative**

### **Subject + Will be + Verb (+ing)**

I / He / She / It / We / You / They    will be waiting for the 7 a.m. train.

## **Negative**

### **Subject + Will not (Won't) be + Verb (+ing)**

I / He / She / It / We / You / They    will not (won't) be waiting for the 7 a.m. train.

## **Interrogative**

### **Will + Subject + be + Verb (+ing)**

Will I / he / she / it / we / you / they    be waiting for the 7 a.m. train?

## THEME 1 FUTURE JOBS GRAMMAR EXERCISES

### A. Choose the correct choice

Hi Nancy,

Loved your photos! You look great, sweetie.

There is nothing much in here except that we **are going to / will** have two weeks off. I **am not going to / won't** do anything special in the first week. I think I **am going to / will** just stay at home. Maybe I **am going to / will** watch a few DVDs. I'm not sure, I guess my cousin **is going to / will** visit us for a few days. If she comes, we **are going to / will** go to Adele's live concert. She **is going to / will** sing in the square on April 12th.

I'm so excited about the second week. We have already made a reservation for a package holiday in Cappadocia, Turkey. We **are flying / will fly** on April 15th. We **are going to / will** spend three days there sightseeing. I'm looking forward to it. I've already planned my holiday. I **am going to / will** take a hot-air balloon tour. I'm not sure whether my parents **are going to / will** join me. The town has always aroused my curiosity! I **am going to / will** rent a scooter to travel around. If you're lucky enough, I **am going to / will** buy some souvenirs for you. Finally, I guess I'm **going to / will** leave Göreme Open Air Museum to the last day. I hope I can make it all. We **are coming / will come** home on April 19. Sounds amazing, doesn't it? Oh, by the way, **are you doing / will you do** anything special on your spring break?

Miss you soo much. Lots of love.

Lily

### B. Read the functions in brackets. Then fill in the blanks using the verbs with the correct future form.

1. On Saturday at 11:00 a.m. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) my friend. (**personal arrangement**)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) my grandmother next weekend. I can't wait to see her again. (**intention**)
3. Let's hurry. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) in a few minutes. (**prediction**)
4. You're carrying too much. I \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door for you. (**spontaneous decision**)
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / hurt) you anymore. (**promise**)
6. I'm terribly sorry but I can't come. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) late till midnight. (**plan**)
7. Don't touch this. It \_\_\_\_\_ (bite) you. (**warning**)
8. Look out! The vase \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) down. (**prediction based on evidence**)

### C. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs. Use *will be+Ving*, *be going to* or *will*.

1. I'm sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) when you arrive at the airport. Please take a taxi.
2. John \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) at 12 a.m. He can't answer your phone.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you with the dishes. You look so tired.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an hour late tomorrow, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (probably / miss) the meeting.
5. Claudia has bought her ticket. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) here on May 5th.
6. This time next week we \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the beach. I can't wait!

**D. Match these sentences.**

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| ___ 1. I am planning to go shopping.                     | a. I am sure you will hand it in before the deadline.            |
| ___ 2. I am going to meet my newborn niece this evening. | b. Unfortunately, I can't come because I am going to the theatre |
| ___ 3. Let's go to an open-buffet restaurant today?      | c. I am going to be careful with my money                        |
| ___ 4. I am trying to save money to buy a new car.       | d. I am going to be more careful with my food preferences.       |
| ___ 5. I am feeling sick and unhealthy.                  | e. But I will need my friend to help me with my choices.         |
| ___ 6. Don't worry about your project.                   | f. I am going to buy a rattle for her.                           |
| ___ 7. This coat is very big for you.                    | g. I know, I am going to take it back to the shop.               |

**E. Complete the sentences with will ('ll) + one of these verbs:**

be / be / come / get / like / look / meet / pass

1. Don't worry about your exam. I'm sure you I \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why don't you try on this jacket? It \_\_\_\_\_ nice on you.
3. You must meet George sometime. I think you \_\_\_\_\_ him.
4. It's raining. Don't go out. You \_\_\_\_\_ wet.
5. They've invited me to their house. They \_\_\_\_\_ offended if I don't go.
6. Goodbye. I expect we \_\_\_\_\_ again before long.
7. I've invited Sue to the party but I don't think she \_\_\_\_\_
8. I wonder where I \_\_\_\_\_ 20 years from now.