

# Future tenses

- Future Simple (will+inf.)
- Future Continuous
- Future Perfect
- To be going to+inf.
- Present Continuous
- Present Simple

# Future Simple(will+inf.)

## *1. A sudden/on-the-spot decision*

e.g. –I feel so tired.

I **will take** a break.

## *2. Prediction based on someone's opinion*

e.g. I am sure you **will enter** the University!

## *3. Promises*

e.g. I promise I **will learn** this poem.

## *4. Offers/requests*

e.g. **Will** you **come** to my party? (offer)

**Will** you **help** me with my homework? (request)

# Future Continuous

*1. Actions which will be in progress at a stated future time*

e.g. This time next week I **will be playing** football.

# Future Perfect

*1. Actions which will be finished before a stated future time*

e.g. She **will have written** her essay by 7 p.m.

*Time expressions:* before, by, by the time, until/till

# Time words

1. **The Future Simple is not used after** *while, before, until, as soon as, after, if, by the time, as*. Use **the Present Simple or the Present Perfect** instead  
e.g. I will go out *after* I **finish** my homework.
2. **When** (at what time) can be used followed by **the Future Simple**  
e.g. **When will** you **go** to the country? (when- question word)
3. **When** (at the time) is followed by **the Present Simple**  
e.g. I will call you **when** I **finish** work. (when – time word)

# To be going to+inf.

## *1. Intention, something planned before*

e.g. When I finish school, I **am going** to enter the University.

## *2. Prediction based on what you see now*

e.g. Look! The baby **is going** to fall!

# Present Continuous

## *1. Personal plans/fixed arrangements in the near future*

e.g. – What are you doing next Sunday?

- I **am playing** chess with my friends.

# Present Simple

## *1. Timetable, TV programme*

e.g. The film **starts** at 8 p.m.

The bus **arrives** at 6 a.m.

# Exercise

1. The train \_\_\_\_\_ (to arrive) at 12:30.
2. Wait! I \_\_\_\_\_ (to drive) you to the station.
3. The English lesson \_\_\_\_\_ (to start) at 8:45.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (to see) my mother in April.
5. Look at the clouds – it \_\_\_\_\_ (to rain) in a few minutes.
6. You're carrying too much. I \_\_\_\_\_ (to open) the door for you.
7. After you \_\_\_\_\_ (to take) a nap, you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to feel) a lot better
8. This time next week I \_\_\_\_\_ (ski) in Switzerland!
9. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ (to check) my answers