

FUTURE TENSES

1) Present continuous + TIME WORD

Form:

AM / IS / ARE + V-ing

Use:

- Plans arranged for a particular time in the future
- A future action that is so close to the present.

E.g. *This evening I'm going to the cinema to watch 'Avatar' with Mery.*

2) Be going to

Form:

AM / IS / ARE + GOING TO + V

Use:

- Planned future action
- To talk about the results of things happening now (predictions based on present evidence)
- For neutral statements about the future

E.g. *Next month I'm going to go to the dentist. // Look at the sky! It's going to rain!*

3) Simple Present

Form:

Base form of the verb (3rd person singular +-s/-es)

Auxiliary DO / DOES for negatives and questions

Use:

- To describe an organized future timetable
- Clauses of time and condition combined with the future simple (WHEN + simple present)

E.g. *The train leaves at 4 pm. // My English class starts at 9 am.*

4) Future Simple

Form:

WILL + V

Use:

- Certain / uncertain statements about the future (predictions with NO EVIDENCE)
- Sudden decision (≠/≠ going to)
- To show willingness
- Offers and promises

E.g. *I think tomorrow it will rain. // I'll help you with your bags.*

5) Future Continuous

Form:

WILL + BE + V-ing

Use:

- Actions / events that will be in progress at some time in the future
- Activity / state that covers the whole of a future time
- Future event that is already arranged or which is part of a regular routine
- To refer to the present (guessing what people are doing)

E.g. *By this time tomorrow she'll be travelling to Berlin.*

Will she be travelling to Berlin...?

6) Future Perfect Simple

Form:

WILL + HAVE + past participle

Use:

- To look ahead to a time in the future when an expected event will be in the past

E.g. *By the end of this month I'll have finished my degree.*

Will you have finished your degree by the end of this month?