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## Future Tense

There are a number of ways to present the future tense in English, each with their own function and form. This post will present the different approaches and for every form, the function and practical examples will be given to help improve and consolidate the learner's understanding of the future tense and its use.

### 1. **will + infinitive**

a) You can use will + infinitive for predictions.

I think Layla **will win** the prize this year.

I'm sure he'**ll be** here on time. He's never late.

b) You can also use will + infinitive to describe an intention based on a decision that has just been made.

Look! Those bags are too heavy. I'**ll help** you.

It's time for a break. I'**ll put** the kettle on.

### 2. **be going to + infinitive**

a) be going to + infinitive is used to express a prediction based on current assessment.

Look at those dark clouds on the horizon. It's **going to rain** this afternoon.

You've been preparing well for your driving test, so you'**re going** to pass.

b) be going to + infinitive can also be used to express an intention.

He's **going to ask** his employer for a raise.

We're **going to paint** the garden wall this afternoon.

### ***3. Present simple tense***

The present simple tense is used for timetabled and scheduled events.

The train for York **departs** from Platform 5 at 10:47.

The conferences **begin** on Thursday.

### ***4. Present continuous tense: be + present participle***

Use the present continuous tense to discuss future arrangements.

They **are getting** married next month, then they're **spending** two weeks in Jamaica for their honeymoon.

We **are having** a meeting with the client tomorrow afternoon.

### ***5. Future continuous: will be + present participle***

Use the future continuous tense to describe an event or state that will be continuing at some point in the future.

This time next year they **will be living** in Australia.

When I move to Paris I'll **be staying** with my cousin.

### ***6. Future perfect: will have + past participle***

Use the future perfect tense to express a future completed state or event.

This time next week I **will have submitted** my dissertation.

In two years I **will have completed** my PhD.

### ***7. Future perfect continuous: will have been + present participle***

Use the future perfect continuous tense to describe a future event or state that will be incomplete.

In two months we **will have been living** and **studying** here for two years.

By midnight he **will have been studying** for 12 hours.