

Future Tenses Exercises

Level: A2, B1

How English talks about the future

English has no single future tense — it chooses between will, going to, the present continuous and the present simple depending on plans, predictions and evidence.

will: instant decisions, offers, promises, opinions about the future: I'll help you.

going to: prior intentions and predictions with present evidence: We're going to move. / It's going to rain.

Present continuous: fixed arrangements with people/times: I'm meeting Tom at six.

Present simple: timetables and schedules: The train leaves at 9:40.

Signal words: tomorrow, next week, soon, in 2030, tonight

Exercise 1: Choose the best future form

Select the form that best fits each situation.

- The phone is ringing. — Don't worry, I ___ it.
a) am going to answer b) will answer c) am answering
- We've booked the tickets — we ___ to Japan in May.
a) will travel b) travel c) are travelling
- Watch out! That ladder ___!
a) is going to fall b) will fall c) falls
- The conference ___ at 9 a.m. sharp, according to the program.
a) is starting b) starts c) will start
- I promise I ___ anyone your secret.
a) won't tell b) am not telling c) don't tell

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

Type the future form of the verb in brackets — use will or going to as indicated by context.

- I've decided: I ___ for a new job next month. (look — prior decision)
- It's cold in here. I ___ the window. (close — instant decision)
- She's studying medicine — she ___ a doctor. (become)
- Don't carry all that alone — I ___ you. (help — offer)
- In fifty years, people ___ on Mars, some scientists believe. (live — opinion about the future)

Exercise 3: Put the words in order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

11. Put the words in the correct order: **going to / we / buy / are / a new car**

12. Put the words in the correct order: **will / you / marry / me / ?**

13. Put the words in the correct order: **playing / is / tomorrow / she / tennis / with Ana**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **won't / late / I / be / again**

Exercise 4: True or false?

Decide if each statement about future forms is true or false.

15. English has one single future tense used for everything. True / False

16. 'Going to' is preferred when there is present evidence for a prediction. True / False

17. "I'll meet Tom at six — we arranged it last week" is the most natural choice. True / False

18. After 'when' in a time clause, we use the present simple, not 'will': "I'll call you when I arrive." True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the best future form

1. b) will answer
2. c) are travelling
3. a) is going to fall
4. b) starts
5. a) won't tell

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

6. am going to look / 'm going to look
7. will close / 'll close
8. is going to become / 's going to become / is going to be / 's going to be
9. will help / 'll help
10. will live / 'll live / will be living

Exercise 3: Put the words in order

11. we are going to buy a new car
12. will you marry me ?
13. she is playing tennis with Ana tomorrow
14. I won't be late again

Exercise 4: True or false?

15. False
16. True
17. False
18. True