

Future tenses

	TO BE GOING TO	FUTURE SIMPLE	FUTURE PERFECT
Structure	<p>+ Subj + Aux (BE) present simple + going to + to inf</p> <p>- Subj + Aux (BE) present simple + not + going to + to inf</p> <p>? Aux (BE) present simple + Subj + going to + to inf</p>	<p>+ Subj + Aux (WILL) + to inf</p> <p>- Subj + Aux (WILL) + not + to inf</p> <p>? Aux (WILL) + subj + to inf</p>	<p>+ Subj + WILL + Aux (HAVE) future simple + past participle</p> <p>- + Subj + WILL + Aux (HAVE) future simple + not + past participle</p> <p>? WILL + Subj + Aux (HAVE) future simple + past participle</p>
Use	<p>1. Certain predictions with present evidence</p> <p>> Based on these figures, we're going to increase the production of sustainable energy.</p> <p>2. Decisions</p> <p>> The electronics engineer has decided she's going to ask for a pay rise.</p> <p>3. Intentions</p> <p>> The company is going to produce more hybrid cars this year.</p>	<p>1. Long term or uncertain predictions</p> <p>> Over the next ten years, Spanson Ltd will diversify its range of vehicles.</p> <p>2. Offers and requests</p> <p>> The line is busy. Will you hold for a minute?</p> <p>3. Promises and threats</p> <p>> Don't worry about the presentation, I'll help you.</p> <p>4. Immediate decisions</p> <p>> I'll help you with the photocopying, you look tired.</p> <p>5. Opinions</p> <p>> I don't think the project will be viable considering the data.</p>	<p>1. Action that will be ended by a particular time in the future</p> <p>> By the time the cleaners arrive, I will have finished working on the new program, I hope.</p>
Time indicators	<p>■ tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, next + week/month/year, on + day/date, at + time, in a week's/month's/year's time, in two/three weeks'/months/years' time</p>		<p>■ In + time expression's + time, by the time, by + time expression</p>
!!!	<p>In interrogative sentences, when the subject is in the 1st person, will turns into shall for offers.</p> <p>> Shall I help you with those CVs?</p>		
!!!	<p>When a time clause (introduced by a conjunction like <i>when, after, before, until, as soon as, by the time</i>, etc.) is set in the future, the tense to use is always the present simple and never the future.</p> <p>> As soon as I get the e-mail, I will send you a confirmation.</p>		
!!!	<p>For future events that are part of official arrangements use the <i>present simple</i>. For future events that derive from personal decisions and arrangements use the <i>present continuous</i>.</p>		

1 Complete the sentences with the right tense: *to be going to* or *future simple*.

- The management have announced they (dismiss) all of their plants in Brazil.
- Ms Richards has booked a flight for Monday. She (visit) the new wind farm in Sicily.
- I don't think they (hire) him after he finishes his apprenticeship.
- The programme is completed. We (test) it immediately to see if it works.
- I (tell) the supervisor about the malfunctioning of the conveyor belt before he leaves, don't worry.
- When we turn the main switch off, we (inform) you immediately.
- Make sure no one (come) near the high voltage line when we work on it.
- We (consider) renewable forms of energy production as soon as fossil fuels run out completely.

2 Use a *future perfect simple* tense to complete the sentences.

- If we install the panels without any delay, we (start) producing our own electricity by April.
- I'm pretty sure Luke (finish) working on that PC by 4pm, don't worry.
- Yes, the deadline is on Friday so by Monday they (collect) all the applications.
- What position (you, achieve) in the company in ten years' time?
- By the time the lab teacher arrives, we (wear) our protective clothes.
- By the end of the year, we (open) out fourth plant around the world.

3 Choose the correct option.

- The plane to Edinburgh *takes off / is taking off / will take off* at 6.30pm.
- Sarah has made a decision: she *is applying / is going to apply / will have applied* for the position.
- When you come back from the break, I *am fixing / will fix / will have fixed* the Wi-Fi line which is not working well.
- The public utility announced that the price of electricity *rise / is going to rise / will rise*.
- I can't meet you tomorrow because I *am having / will have / will have had* an interview for a new job.
- As soon as you *see / are seeing / will see* smoke in the premises, you have to ring the fire alarm.
- I see you have a lot of work to do, *am I helping / shall I help / will I have helped* you?
- In the next decade, robots *play / are playing / will play* a vital role in industries.
- By the time everyone *evacuates / is evacuating / is going to evacuate* the building, the smoke *is going to spread / will spread / will have spread* everywhere. You're too slow!
- 'This year I *am going / will go / will have gone* to the annual job fair in my town, and you?' – 'I'm not sure yet, but I *am probably coming / am probably going to come / will probably come*, too.'

