


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 > Contractors are going to use more and more recycled steel in our buildings.</p> <p>2. Decisions > The company has signed a new contract, so we are going to produce alumina ceramics too.</p> <p>3. Intentions > We are going to install new BF-BOFs because the demand has increased a lot.</p>	<p>1. Long term or uncertain predictions > Carbon fibre will be the best material to produce light cars in the future.</p> <p>2. Offers and requests > Don't worry, you can leave. I'll quench the metal bars.</p> <p>3. Promises and threats > Oliver, clean your workbench! The boss will scold you!</p> <p>4. Immediate decisions > The temperature in the furnace is too high: I'll lower it immediately.</p> <p>5. Opinions > I don't think the new contract will be profitable.</p>	<p>1. Action that will be ended by a particular time in the future > By the time the supervisor arrives, I will have finished the job.</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. > Shall I help you with the welding?</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. > As soon as we receive the supply, we will start the new production.</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>		



8 Complete the sentences with the correct future tense: to be going to or future simple.

- When quenching is over, we (start) tempering.
- The demand for artificial limbs is increasing day by day, so the company (open) new branches.
- If everything is ready, tomorrow we (test) the new metal.
- Don't worry, I (switch off) the machines, you can go home now.
- Our company has planned to start a new production. I don't know when, but we (recycle) plastics into new products.
- Oh, we have run out of aluminium wire rod. I (place) a new order immediately!
- That pipe has been badly positioned, and look! It (fall).
- The lab (test) the new alloy the day after tomorrow.

9 Choose the correct option.

- The racetrack is very wet and the start is in one hour. We *are going to* / *will* fit the rain tyres for the competition.
- I think composite materials *will* / *are going to* replace conventional building materials by the end of this century.
- As soon as the customer orders the components, we *are going to* / *will* advise the shipping agent for the delivery.
- Be careful with that little ceramic horse, don't drop it or I *won't* / *am not going to* let you touch it anymore!
- The chemists' meeting for the new alloy *will start* / *is going to start* at noon.
- I think it *will* / *is going to* be difficult to find a better eco-friendly material.

10 Use a future perfect simple tense to complete the sentences.

- By the end of the month, I (work) here for 25 years.
- In two months' time I (have) my old car for exactly 10 years, and it's still running perfectly.
- (you - fix) my boiler by the time I come home at 6.30?
- We must change our lifestyle: by the end of the century, we (run out) of many natural resources.
- We're very late. I hope they (not start) the meeting without us.
- By the end of the week we (produce) 300 portable air conditioners.



11 Liam and Henry are co-workers. Complete their conversation with the correct future tense.

- L: Do you think you 1. (still - work) here ten years from now?
- H: I hope not! I don't think I 2. (be able) to stand it here for that long! I think I 3. (quit) by then. I hope I 4. (run) my own company by then. How about you?
- L: Well, in ten years, I 5. (pay) off my house mortgage. I think I 6. (still be) here, but with any luck, I 7. (transfer) to the Spanish branch. I love Spain!
- H: By the way, what about tomorrow?
8. (you, come and see) the football match?
- L: Sorry, I can't. I 9. (repair) my car. I think it 10. (be) hard work!