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Future: Will/won't, present continuous, be going to

Will and Won't:

Will is used to express a future action or event that is not planned or decided at the moment of speaking. It implies a spontaneous decision or a prediction about the future. It is also used to make promises

Example:

- "I **will** answer the phone." (spontaneous decision to call in the future)
- "I think it **will** rain tomorrow." (prediction about future weather)
- "I **will** pay you back as soon as I can (promise)

Won't is the contraction of "will not" and is used to indicate the negative form of the future tense.

Example:

- "He **won't** attend the meeting." (He will not attend the meeting.)
- "I **won’t** do it again (promise)

Present Continuous:

The present continuous tense can be used to describe future actions or events that have been planned or arranged in advance.

Example:

- "**I am meeting** my friends for lunch tomorrow." (planned action)
- "**She is flying** to Paris next week." (pre-arranged travel)

Be going to:

- "Be going to" is used to express future intentions, plans, or predictions based on present evidence or signs. It is often used when there is a clear intention or strong indication that something will happen in the future.

Example:

- "They **are going to** buy a new house next month." (planned action based on their decision)
- "Look at those dark clouds! It**'s going to** rain." (prediction based on the evidence of dark clouds)



Comparison:

- **Will and won't** are used for unplanned or spontaneous actions and general predictions.
- **Present continuous** is used for planned or pre-arranged events in the future.
- **Be going to** is used for future intentions and predictions based on present evidence.

Future: Will/won't, present continuous, be going to exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer.

1. I. _____ to the party if I finish my work early.
a) will go
b) am not going to go
c) am go

2. Look at those clouds! It _____ soon.
a) will raining
b) is raining
c) is going to rain

3. By this time next year, I _____ a new job.
a) have
b) will be having
c) will have

4. He is playing very well. He thinks he _____ the championship this season.
a) will be winning
b) will win
c) going to win

5. Hi Tom, I'm afraid I'm busy right now, so I ____ you later.
a) am calling
b) will call
c) won't call

6. She _____ going to the concert tomorrow.
a) is
b) will
c) am

7. We _____ to the beach this weekend if the weather is nice.
a) going
b) will go
c) go

8. They _____ the marathon next Sunday.
a) run
b) are running
c) will run

9. If you need help, I _____ you.
a) help
b) will help
c) am helping

10. What are your plans tomorrow? I _____ my car repaired but I'm free after that.
a) am having
b) will
c) have

Future: Will/won't, present continuous, be going to exercise 2:

Complete the conversation between Alan and Sophie with the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.

Sophie: Hey, have you made any plans for the summer?

Alan: Yes, I **(1)** _____ **(travel)** to Europe! I **(2)** _____ **(visit)** Spain and Italy.

Sophie: That sounds amazing! I **(3)** _____ **(stay)** home and relax. I **(4)** _____ **(read)** some books and I **(5)** _____ **(watch)** movies.

Alan: Nice! By the way, **(6)** _____ **(you)** join me for a day in Rome? I **(7)** _____ **(explore)** the historic sites and **(8)** I _____ **(try)** some local cuisine.



Sophie: I wish I could, but I **(9)** _____ **(work)** on a project during that time. However, I **(10)** _____ **(meet)** up with you once you're back to hear all about your trip!

Alan: Absolutely!

Future forms: will, be going to and the present continuous: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. a) will go
2. c) is going to rain
3. c) will have
4. b) will win
5. b) will call
6. a) is
7. b) will go
8. b) are running
9. b) will help
10. a) am having

Exercise 2

(1) am travelling / 'm travelling / am going to travel / 'm going to travel
(2) am visiting / 'm visiting / am going to visit / 'm going to visit
(3) am going to stay / 'm going to stay
(4) am going to read / 'm going to read
(5) am going to watch / 'm going to watch
(6) will you
(7) am going to explore / 'm going to explore
(8) am going to try / 'm going to try
(9) will be working / 'll be working / am going to be working / 'm going to be working / am working / 'm working
(10) will meet / 'll meet