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Present Continuous

"Will" Future

"Going to" Future

Future Continuous

Present Simple

Future Perfect

"Will" Future

Form

+ Subject + will + infinitive

- Subject + won't + infinitive

? will + Subject + infinitive

Use

"Will" Future

1. future facts
2. decisions, intentions made at the moment of speaking
3. predictions based on belief or knowledge

Examples


"Will" Future


1. He'll be 30 next year.
2. I'll have a steak, please.
3. I think Mrs Hill will be in her office at 10.

"Going to" Future

Form

 \$ + am, is, are going to + inf.

 \$ +
am not
isn't
aren't going to + inf.

 am, is, are + \$ + going to + inf.

Use

"Going to" Future

1. decisions, intentions made before the moment of speaking
2. predictions based on a present fact

Examples

"Going to" Future

1. We're going to paint this room blue.
2. She's going to have a baby.
(She's pregnant.)

Present Continuous

Note:

The Present Continuous can be used for expressing future.

Form

+ \$ + am, is, are + verb -ing

- \$ + am not
isn't
aren't + verb -ing

? am, is, are + \$ + verb -ing

Use

Present Continuous

1. future agreement

Example

1. I'm going out tonight.

Note:

Sometimes there is no difference between agreed arrangement and an intention.

Present Simple

Note:

The Present Simple can be used for expressing future.

Form

+ \$ + Infinitive;
he she it - (e)s

- \$ + don't/doesn't + inf.

? Do/does + \$ + inf.

Use

Present Simple

1. timetables, programmes

Example

1. When does the train leave?

Future Continuous

Form

+ \$ + will be + verb -ing

- \$ + won't be + verb -ing

? will + \$ + be + verb -ing

Future Continuous

Use

1. for an action that will be in progress at a point in the future
2. for an action we expect to happen, because it normally happens
3. a guess or deduction about what is happening now

Future Continuous

Examples

1. At 2pm tomorrow I'll be driving to work.
2. Will you be studying tomorrow?
3. Bob always eats at 7pm It's 7.15pm now, so he'll be starting his dinner.

Future Perfect

Form

+ \$ + will have + Past Participle

- \$ + won't have + Past Participle

? will + \$ + have + Past Participle

Future Perfect

Use

1. for an action that will be complete at a point in the future
2. a guess or deduction of what has happened by now

Future Perfect

Examples

1. By 8am tomorrow
I will have arrived at work.
2. Bob always eats at 7pm It's 7.15pm now,
so he'll have started his dinner.

Compare:



At 8am I **will drive** to work.

=The journey starts at 8am.

At 8.15am I **will be driving** to work.

=The journey will be in progress at 8.15am.

At 8.30am I **will have driven** to work.

=The journey will have finished by 8.30am.