

**A Present tenses: future meaning****Present simple**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The train leaves at 8.00 p.m. on Sunday.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The film doesn't start until 7.30.
<input type="checkbox"/>	What time is your flight tomorrow?

- 1 We use the Present simple to talk about actions in the future determined by timetables and fixed programmes.

**Present continuous**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I'm seeing the optician next week.
<input type="checkbox"/>	We aren't doing anything tomorrow.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are they getting married soon?

- 1 We use the Present continuous to talk about definite arrangements for the future, such as plans and appointments.
- 2 We often use it with a future time expression like *at 3 o'clock, tonight, tomorrow, next weekend*.

**B be going to**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I'm going to work really hard this term. She's going to tell you a secret.
<input type="checkbox"/>	We aren't going to go on holiday this year. He isn't going to come to the party.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is he going to buy a new scooter?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, he is.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, he isn't.

- 1 We use **be going to** + the base form of the verb:
- ▶ to talk about future intentions;  
**I'm going to study Chemistry next year.**
  - ▶ to make predictions about the future based on things we know or can see now.  
**John's going to be really angry.**  
**Oh look! I think it's going to rain.**

- 2 When we use *going to go* or *going to come* in spoken English, we usually omit *going to* to avoid repetition.

**They're coming to visit us tomorrow.**

**NOT They're going to come to...**

**We're going to the cinema tonight.**

**NOT We're going to go...**

- 3 We use **be about to** + the base form of the verb to talk about an imminent event.
- Can I call you back? I'm about to go out.**  
**Be quiet – the film's about to begin.**
- 4 We use **was about to** to talk about an intention or something we planned, but didn't do.
- I was going to see Patrick, but he called to cancel.**

**C Modal verbs will, may and might****will**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I will/I'll come to the concert. The world's population will continue to grow.
<input type="checkbox"/>	She will not/won't pass the exam. We will not/won't be late.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the party be good?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, it will.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, it won't.

- 1 We use **will/won't** + the base form of the verb:
- ▶ to express a decision about the future taken at the moment of speaking;  
**I think I'll get the bus home.**
  - ▶ to make future promises:  
**I'll call you as soon as I arrive.**
  - ▶ to talk about future facts;  
**I'll be 17 on my next birthday.**
  - ▶ to make predictions about the future based on what we think, hope or expect will happen. We often use these expressions with *will*: *I think, I don't think, I'm sure, I believe, I hope, I expect*. We also often use these adverbs: *maybe, perhaps, probably, definitely, certainly*. **Maybe and perhaps** go at the beginning of a sentence.

The other adverbs go after *will*, but before *won't*.

**I think he'll say yes.**

**Maybe he'll say yes.**

**It'll probably rain later.**

**We certainly won't be late.**

- 2 **Will** is a modal verb so the third person singular does not take -s, and we do not use *do/does* to form the negative or questions.
- We usually use the contracted forms '*'ll* and *won't* in spoken English.

- 3 **Note:** We usually say *I don't think... + will*.  
**I don't think it will rain. NOT I think it won't rain.**

**may, might**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	We might go to the cinema later. The exam may be difficult.
<input type="checkbox"/>	She might not (mightn't) come. They may not answer you.

- 1 We can also use the modal verbs **may** and **might** (= *will perhaps*) to talk about future possibilities.  
**It might rain.** (= Perhaps it will rain.)
- 2 The negative forms are **may not** and **might not** or **mightn't**. We do not say **mayn't**.

**A Present tenses: future meaning**

- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Present simple or Present continuous and a verb from the box.**

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- 1 The exhibition starts on January 6th.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ to Cuba for Christmas.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ dinner with Bill tomorrow evening.
- 4 The match \_\_\_\_\_ at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday.
- 5 My Italian penpal \_\_\_\_\_ us this summer.
- 6 Hurry up! The train \_\_\_\_\_ in half an hour.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ the dentist this afternoon.
- 8 Mel \_\_\_\_\_ Mark at the station later.

**B be going to**

- 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be going to* and a verb from the box.**

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- 1 The sun's really hot. You 're going to get burnt.
- 2 Look at the queue for the film. It's \_\_\_\_\_ sold out.
- 3 He hasn't studied very hard for his exams. \_\_\_\_\_ (He/not).
- 4 She's hurt my feelings. \_\_\_\_\_ (I/not) to her again.
- 5 That pizza's enormous! \_\_\_\_\_ (You/not) it.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ at home this weekend.

**C Modal verbs will, may and might**

- 5 Write full answers to the questions using *will* and the adverbs in brackets.**

- 1 A Will you be home early tonight? (definitely)  
B Yes, I'll definitely be home early tonight.
- 2 A Do you think you'll get the job? (probably not)  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 A Will she help you with the shopping? (perhaps)  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 A Will the students get bored on the school trip? (certainly not)  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 A Will you go to university when you finish school? (probably)  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 A Will she see him again? (maybe)  
B \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Complete the questions for these answers.**

**Use the Present simple or continuous.**

- 1 A What are you doing tonight?  
B Nothing much. I'm staying in.
- 3 A When \_\_\_\_\_?  
B The flight arrives at 10.00 in the morning.
- 3 A When \_\_\_\_\_ your new car?  
B I'm getting it next month.
- 4 A Who \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema?  
B He's taking Francesca.
- 5 A What time \_\_\_\_\_ dinner?  
B We're having it at 8 o'clock.
- 6 A What time \_\_\_\_\_?  
B The concert begins at 8.30 p.m.

- 4 Complete the questions.**

- 1 A What film are you going to see?  
B We're going to see *Extreme Risk*.
- 2 A What \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday?  
B I'm going to lie on the beach!
- 3 A When \_\_\_\_\_?  
B She's going to start looking for a job soon.
- 4 A Why \_\_\_\_\_ your scooter?  
B I'm going to sell it because I want a new one.
- 5 A When \_\_\_\_\_ the house?  
B Dad's going to paint the house this summer.
- 6 A Where \_\_\_\_\_ in Asia?  
B They're going to go to Vietnam and Laos.

- 6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *will*, *may* or *might* and a verb from the box.**

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- 1 I believe the UK will remain a monarchy.
- 2 I don't feel very well. I \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.
- 3 Please come to my party. You \_\_\_\_\_ a great time!
- 4 Believe me, this film's really scary. You \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 5 Ask Sam. He \_\_\_\_\_ the answer.
- 6 We haven't decided where to go on holiday. We \_\_\_\_\_ to Trinidad.
- 7 That train is usually busy. We \_\_\_\_\_ a seat.
- 8 Don't worry. I'm sure Dad \_\_\_\_\_ us.