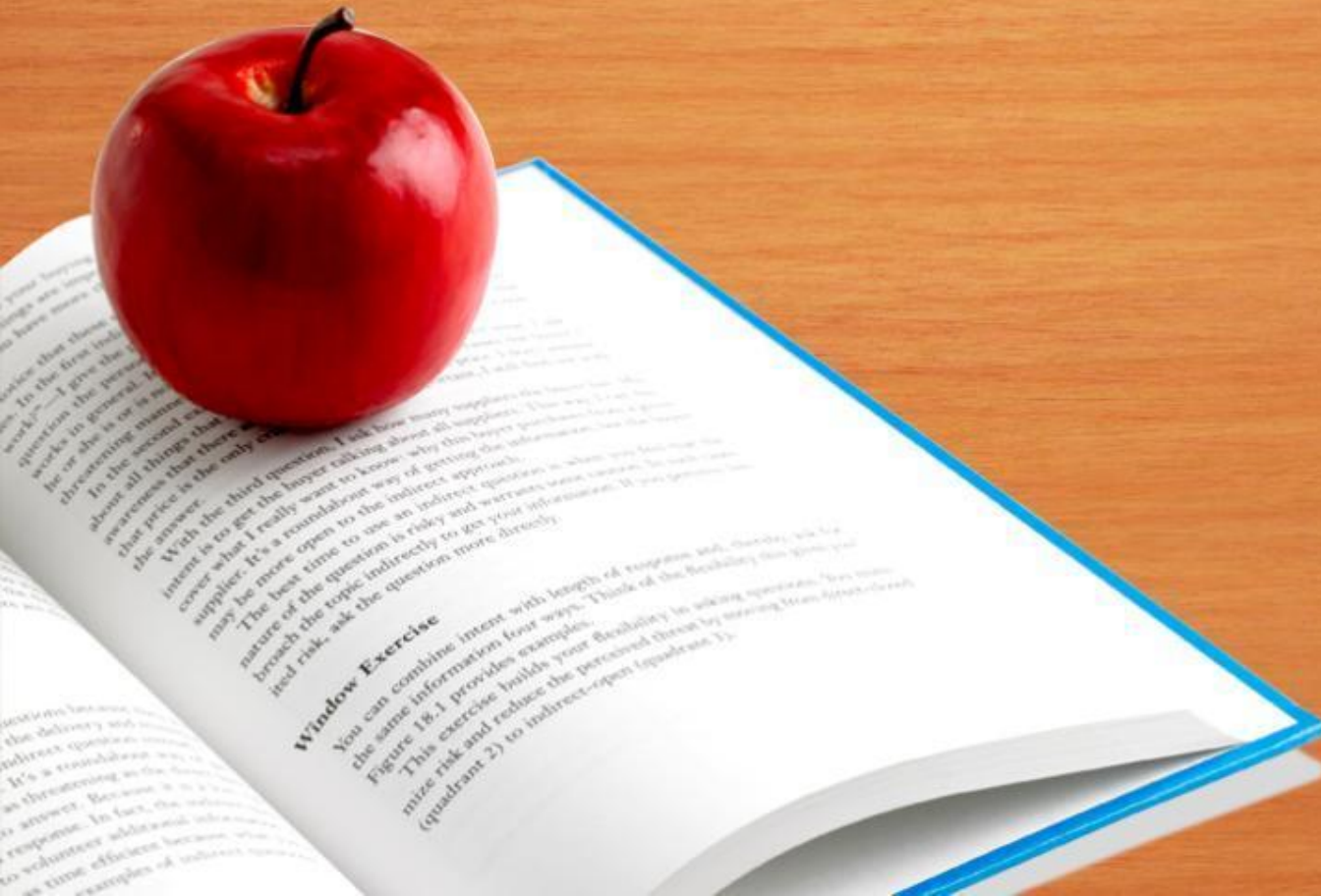


The ways to express Future



Present Simple

Present Continuous

Future Simple

To be going to

To be to

1. Future plans, arrangements, appointments.

Settled plans at a specific time and place.

The arrangements have already been made.

Ex: We are getting married next month. (the wedding has already been arranged).

Intentions decided at the time of speaking .

Ex: Come on, I'll help you with those bags. (seeing that someone is struggling with their shopping bags).

Intentions that have already been decided before the time of speaking but have not been fully planned.

Ex: We 're going to get married. (referring to a past decision).

An official arrangement.

Ex: The German Chancellor is to visit France.



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2. Timetables, programs.

Ex: The train arrives at 5 p.m.

The film starts at 6 p.m.



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3. Predictions

Predictions that are based on personal judgment, opinion or intuition.

Ex: I think you will find this book interesting. (opinion)

! Often after:

- I think**
- I believe**
- I suppose**
- In my opinion**
- Probably**
- May be**

Predictions that are based on present evidence.

Ex: My sister is going to have a baby. (you can see that she is pregnant).



Present Simple

*Present
Continuous*

*Future
Simple*

To be going to

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4. In clauses of time and conditions.

After: when, while, before, after, until, till.....
if, unless, on condition...

I will go for a walk
AFTER I do my
homework.

We will go to the
country **IF** the weather
is fine.



Guess the meaning

My train ____ at 11.45
(to leave)



Look! The sky is overcast. It ____ (to rain).



Hey John! Wait a minute.
I ____ a word with
you. (to have)



You ____ the sweets on
the shelf. (not/to reach)



Practice

Match the questions with the replies.

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| a. Are you free on Saturday night? | 1. Yes, I'm seeing her tomorrow. |
| b. What are your plans for the winter holidays? | 2. No, I'm leaving on Friday morning. |
| c. What are the arrangements for the trip tomorrow? | 3. Not really. I need to study for the test. |
| d. Where is Lisa going? I must talk to her. | 4. She'll be back in a minute. |
| e. Are you going to be at the party on Sunday? | 5. I'm going to visit my friends. |
| f. Do you still go out with Helen? | 6. We're leaving at 8 a.m. |



Practice

- **Put the verb into the correct form: present simple, present continuous, going to or will.**
- -I.....(go) to the cinema this evening.
- -Look at those clouds! It.....(rain)
- -I'm too tired to walk home. I think I.....(take) a taxi.
- -.....(the film/begin) at 3.30 or 4.30?
- -He.....(not/use) the car this evening, so you can have it.
- -I bought this T-shirt but it's too big. I think I.....(return/it).
- -Who.....(you/invite) to your birthday's party?
- -I.....(not/go) out this evening. I.....(stay) at home.
- -Sue.....(come) to see us tomorrow. She.....(travel) by train and her train
.....(arrive) at 10.15.
- -'Would you like tea or coffee?' 'I.....(have) a coffee, please.
- -(Suddenly) I've decided not to stay here any longer! Tomorrow I.....(look) for somewhere else to stay.
- -It's a bit cold. The window is open and you decide to close it. You say: I think I.....(close) the window.