

Future Forms

1. “Will you visit the Prado Museum when you’re in Madrid?” (asking if plans have been made)
“Are you flying back to London on Monday?” (emphasis on fixed arrangements)
“Are you going to buy tickets for the concert this weekend?” (emphasis on intentions)
2. “Will you be having lunch at the office again tomorrow?”
“She’ll be working late tonight, so she won’t join us for dinner.”
“Will you be joining us for the meeting later?”
“Are you going to join us for the meeting later?”
3. “By next Friday, I’ll have finished all the reports.”
“Next month, she’ll have been teaching at the school for ten years.”
“It’s already past midnight — they’ll have gone to bed by now.”
4. “I’ll call you as soon as I get home.”
“We won’t start the meeting until everyone has arrived.”
“If it is still raining later, we’ll cancel the picnic.”
“She’ll be upset if he doesn’t come.”

1. We use **will**, **the present continuous**, and **going to** to refer to future plans and intentions. The choice depends on the context, and sometimes there are small differences in meaning or emphasis
2. The **future continuous** is used:
 - to highlight that an action is part of a regular routine or something normally expected.
 - to describe something in the future that we see as certain or unavoidable.
 - to ask politely about someone’s future plans without sounding intrusive.
3. The **future perfect simple and continuous** are used:
 - to describe a completed action when looking back from a specific point in the future.
 - to emphasise the duration of an activity that continues up to a certain moment in the future.
 - to make logical guesses or assumptions about the present.
4. In time clauses and conditional clauses referring to the future, after words such as *as soon as*, *if*, *in case*, *when*, *unless*, and *until*, we use present tenses (including the present simple, present continuous, and present perfect), not *will* or *going to*.



A Choose the correct alternative to fill the gap

1. A: The project feels overwhelming at the moment.
B: Don't worry, by this time tomorrow you _____ exactly how to approach it.
A are knowing B will have figured out C will be figuring out
2. A: I've been staring at these notes all afternoon.
B: Keep going — you're _____ make sense of them in the end.
A bound to B due to C set to
3. A: I thought Maya was preparing a surprise for the farewell party.
B: Yes, she _____ a slideshow of old photos, but she didn't have time.
A was preparing B was going to prepare C would be preparing
4. A: You must be looking forward to your new role.
B: Definitely. By next June, I _____ in that department for five years.

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Do not change the word. You must use between **two and five words**.

1. I'm sure you'll know everything about the software by the end of the training.
WILL
By the end of the training, you _____ everything about the software.
2. It's already late, so I expect they are sleeping now.
WILL
It's already late, so they _____ now.
3. I arranged to see my dentist on Monday morning.
SEEING
I _____ on Monday morning.
4. He intended to call you yesterday, but he didn't manage it.
GOING
He _____ you yesterday, but he didn't manage it.
5. Don't start the presentation until everyone arrives.
UNTIL
We won't start the presentation _____ everyone.
6. Next month she reaches her tenth year of teaching at the school.
WILL
By next month, she _____ at the school for ten years.
7. I'm sure you'll eventually find the solution if you keep trying.
BOUND
If you keep trying, you _____ the solution eventually.
8. I expect we'll be using AI tools much more in the classroom in a few years.
WILL
In a few years, we _____ AI tools much more in the classroom.
9. He is supposed to meet the manager at 3 p.m.
DUE
He _____ the manager at 3 p.m.
10. She said she had planned to wear a red dress, but she changed her mind.
GOING
She said she _____ a red dress, but she changed her mind.

Answers

Ex A

1 B 2 A 3 B 4 C 5 A

Ex B

1 will have learnt / understood **2** will be sleeping **3** am seeing my dentist **4** was going to call
5 until everyone arrives **6** will have been teaching **7** are bound to find **8** will be using **9** is
due to meet **10** was going to wear