

# FUTURE TENSES

# Definition of Future Tense

**Future tense represents actions which will happen in the future.**

## Future Tense Examples

- **I will give a speech in the program.**
- **Robert will be going to the varsity.**

# WILL

## Uses

1- Instant decisions:

- *I'm celebrating my birthday party next Friday. Would you like to come?*  
*Yes, I'll go to your birthday party. Thanks.*

2- Predictions based in what we think:

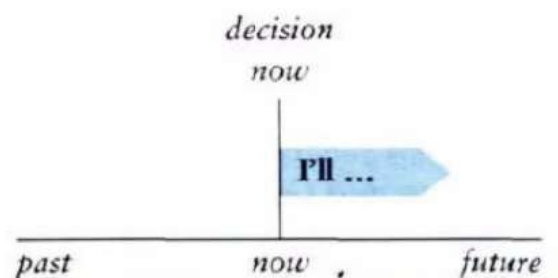
*I think it **won't rain** in the evening*

3- Promises and offers:

*Mum, I promise I'll behave better.*  
*Don't worry, I'll go and buy some food for you.*

4.- Future events in a timetable.

*The session **will start** at 2 o'clock. Don't be late!*



**Will** is often used with:

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|-----------------|---|
| probably        | <input type="checkbox"/> I'll <b>probably</b> be home late tonight.                                       |
| I expect        | <input type="checkbox"/> I haven't seen Carol today. I <b>expect</b> she'll phone this evening.           |
| (I'm) sure      | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't worry about the exam. I'm <b>sure</b> you'll pass.                         |
| (I) think       | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you <b>think</b> Sarah <b>will</b> like the present we bought her?            |
| (I) don't think | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>don't think</b> the exam <b>will</b> be very difficult.                     |
| I wonder        | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>wonder</b> what <b>will</b> happen.   |
| I hope          | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>hope</b> Kate passes the exam. (or I <b>hope</b> Kate <b>will</b> pass ...) |
|                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>hope</b> it <b>doesn't</b> rain tomorrow.                                   |

## Structure

**will + verb**

(+) : I will travel to Madrid in October

(-) : I will not travel to Jaca this summer.

(?) : Will you travel by bus? Yes, I will / No, I won't.

**verb to be + going to + verb**

(+) : I am going to travel by plane

(-) : He is not going to travel by plane

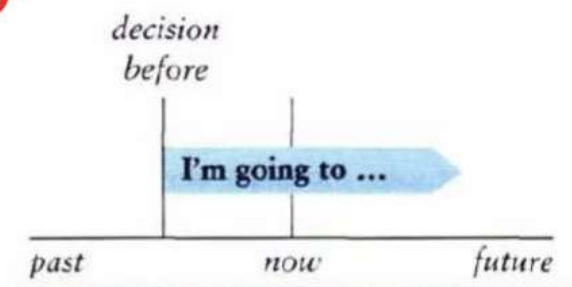
(?) : Are they going to travel by plane? Yes, they are. / No, they aren't

## BE GOING TO

### Uses

1- Future plans and intentions:

**I'm going to buy** a new laptop computer next week



2- Predictions based in what we can see at the moment:

Look at that car! it **is going to crash** into the lamp post



*situation now*

going to



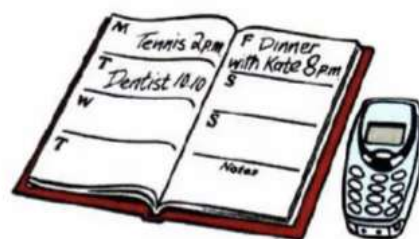
*future happening*

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

### Uses

1- Definite plans in the near future:

I'm **having lunch** with my friends next Friday at 10 o'clock.



## PRESENT SIMPLE

### Uses

1- Events which are part of a timetable:

The train **leaves** at 11:30.

### **Time expressions**

- **THIS EVENING**
- **TOMORROW**
- **SOON**
- **LATER**
- **IN THE FUTURE**
- **NEXT WEEK**
- **THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW**
- **IN A MINUTE**
- **IN SEVERAL DAYS**
- **IN THE YEAR 2020**

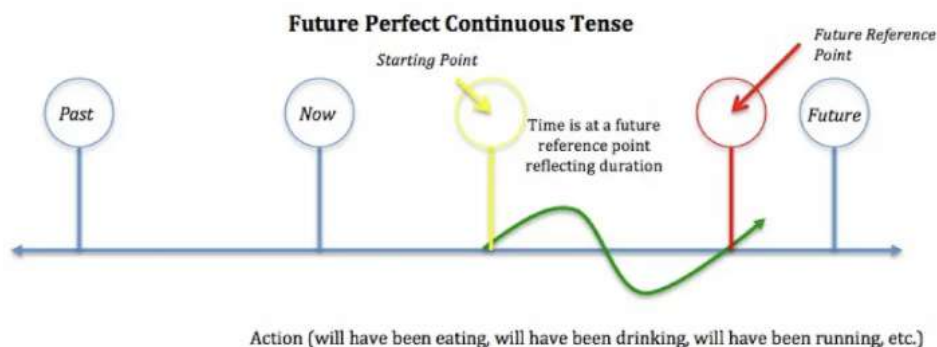


## FUTURE CONTINUOUS

### Uses

1- An action in progress in a specific time in the future:

At this time next year, he **will be studying** engineering.



**will + be + verb-ing**

(+) : I **'ll be travelling** by plane

(-) : I **won't be travelling** by plane

(?) : **Will you be travelling** by plane? Yes, I **will**. / No, I **won't**.