Exercise 1

**Choose the most suitable future forms to complete the sentences below.**

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**1**Look! That car over there ….

a. will crash

b. is crashing

c. is going to crash..

**2**………….. the music down, please?

a. Are you going to turn

b.Are you turning

c. Will you turn..

**3**The film ………..at 5 p.m.

a. is going to start

b. starts..

c. is starting

**4**I'm sure you……… the lottery one day.

a. are winning

b. will win..

c. are going to win

**5**Don't you have any money on you? Don't worry, I ................ for the taxi.

a. ‘m paying

b. ‘ll pay..

c. ‘m going to pay

**6**According to my diary, we …………….the buyers at 7p.m. tomorrow.

a. are meeting..

b. will meet

c. meet

**7**It's cold. ……………… the heating on?

a. Am I going to turn

b. Do I turn

c. Shall I turn..

**8**I can't see you tomorrow. I ……………….football with my university friends.

a. play

b. will play

c. ‘m playing..

**9**A: Maria phoned you. B: OK. I ……….her back.

a. am going to call

b. will call..

c. am calling

**10**Thanks for the money. I ……………..you back on Friday.

a. will pay..

b. am paying

c. am going to pay

#### Check your answers:

**1**

Correct answer: is going to crash  
➪ We use **be going to** to **predict** future events that are very near or we can see will happen (there is **present evidence**).

**2**

Correct answer: Will you turn  
➪ We use **will** for offers and **requests** (when we ask someone to do something).

**3**

Correct answer: starts  
➪ We use the **present simple** to refer to **future events which are timetabled**.

**4**

Correct answer: will win  
➪ We use **will** to **predict** future events that **we think will happen**.

**5**

Correct answer: 'll play  
➪ We use **will** to express **instant decisions** (decisions that we make at the moment of speaking).

**6**

Correct answer: are meeting  
➪ We use the **present continuous** to talk or ask about**future arrangements**, i.e. future actions that are already planned or decided.

**7**

Correct answer: Shall I turn  
➪ We use **shall I** or **shall we** to make offers and suggestions.

**8**

Correct answer: 'm playing  
➪ We use the **present continuous** to talk or ask about**future arrangements**, i.e. future actions that are already planned or decided.

**9**

Correct answer: will call  
➪ We use **will** to express **instant decisions** (decisions that we make at the moment of speaking).

**10**

Correct answer: will pay  
➪ We use **will** for **promises** and refusals.

### Exercise 2

##### Complete the dialogue with the most suitable future forms: present continuous, be going to, will, or shall.

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Maria: What **1**  (you/do) this evening? **2**  (we/go out)?

Rosa: Not this evening. I **3**  (work) on a project until late.

Maria: And when do you think you **4**  (be) free for a drink?

Rosa: I don't know. I have my diary here with me; let me see. What about tomorrow? **5**  (you/do) anything?

Maria: I **6**  (see) my dentist tomorrow. Is Thursday OK?

Rosa: Yes, Thursday is perfect.

Maria: OK. What time **7**  (we/meet)?

Rosa: I **8**  (meet) a friend at 6. Is 7 OK?

Maria: Yes, great. But I don't have my car.

Rosa: Don't worry, I **9**  (take) mine. **10**  (I/pick you up) at 7 then?

Maria: OK, thanks.

#### Answers

**1** Correct answer: are you doing/are you going to do

➪ We use the **present continuous** to talk or ask about**future arrangements**, i.e. future actions that are already planned or decided.  
➪ We can also use **be going to** for plans and intentions.

**2** Correct answer: Shall we go out

➪ We use **shall I** or **shall we** to make offers and suggestions.

**3** Correct answer: am/'m going to work

➪ We use **be going to** for plans and intentions (decisions that have been already made).

**4** Correct answer: will/'ll be

➪ We use **will** to **predict** future events that **we think will happen**.

**5** Correct answer: Are you doing/Are you going to do

➪ We use the **present continuous** to talk or ask about**future arrangements**, i.e. future actions that are already planned or decided.  
➪ We can also use **be going to** for plans and intentions.

**6** Correct answer: am/'m seeing

➪ The verb **see** has a dynamic and a static sense. It is dynamic when it means ‘meet’, ‘have an appointment’, or ‘have a relationship with someone’.  
➪ We use the **present continuous** to talk or ask about**future arrangements**, i.e. future actions that are already planned or decided.

**7** Correct answer: shall we meet

➪ We use **shall** **I** or **shall we** to make offers and suggestions.

**8** Correct answer: am/'m meeting

➪ We use the **present continuous** to talk or ask about**future arrangements**, i.e. future actions that are already planned or decided.

**9** Correct answer: will/'ll take

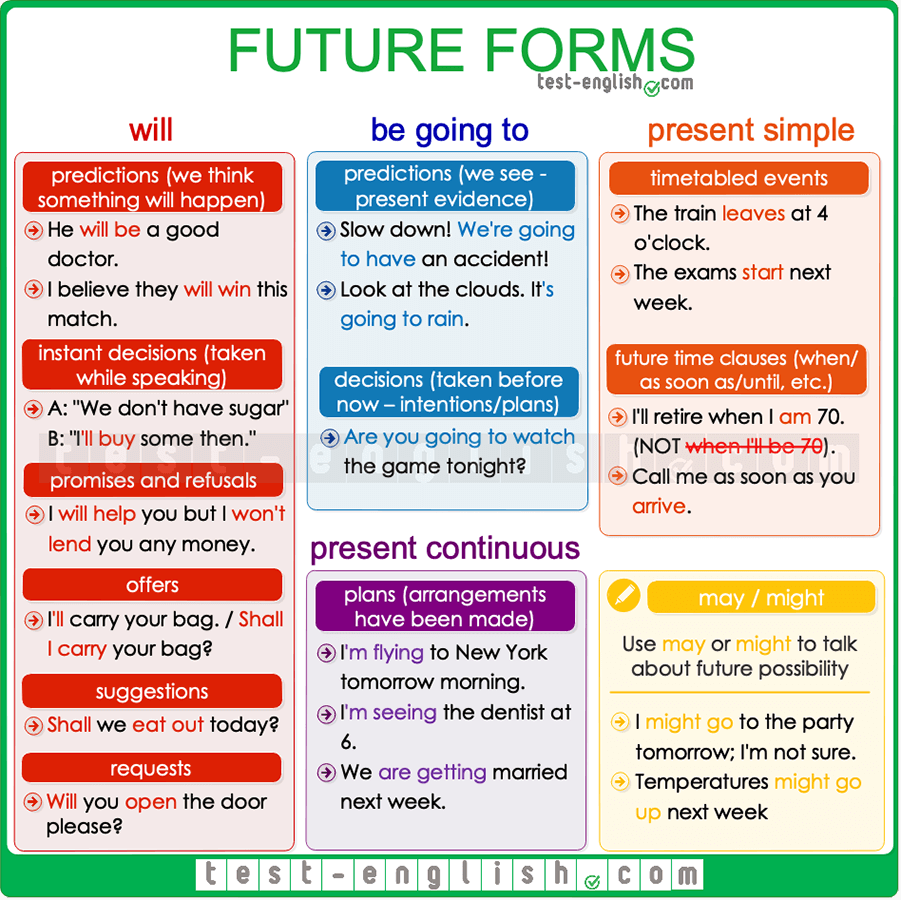
➪ We use **will** to express**instant decisions** (decisions that we make at the moment of speaking).

**10** Correct answer: Shall I pick you up

➪ We use **shall I** or **shall we** to make **offers** and suggestions.

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## Future forms – summary chart



## Predictions

We use **will** to talk about something we **think** that will happen:

* I think he’***ll win*** the election.
* He ***will be*** a good doctor.

We use **be going to** to talk about something that is very near to happen or that we **see** is going to happen (there is present evidence)

* Don’t drive like a crazy man. We’***re going to have*** an accident!
* The doctor said I’***m going to have*** a girl.

## Decisions

We use **will** for decisions that we take at the moment of speaking (**instant decisions)**.

* ‘Oh, we don’t have sugar.’ ‘Don’t worry, I’***ll buy***some.’

We use **be going to** for decisions that we have already taken at the moment of speaking (**intentions or plans**).

* ‘Why are you undressing?’ ‘Because I’***m going***to go to the swimming pool.’

## Arrangements

We often use the **present continuous** to talk about future events that are already planned or decided. When we use the **present continuous** for arrangements, we must always include **when** (at 7, this evening, next month, etc.) in the sentence.

* I’***m seeing***the dentist at 6.
* We ***are getting*** married next week.
* I’***m flying***to New York tomorrow morning.

We can also use **be going to**for future arrangements.

* I’***m going to*** play tennis with Elisabeth today.

## Future time clauses (****when****, ****as soon as****, ****until****, ****before****, ****after****)

Use the **present simple** to talk about the future in sentences with **when, as soon as, until, before, after**.

* I’ll retire when I’***m*** 70. (NOT ~~when I’ll be~~)
* I won’t call you until I ***arrive*** (NOT ~~will arrive~~.)

## Other uses of ****will****

#### Promises and refusals

* I ***will help*** you whenever you need me.
* I ***won’t lend*** him my car.

#### Future facts

* The president ***will visit*** the Vatican next November.

#### Offers

We use **I will** in statements or **shall** **I**in questions.

* I’***ll carry*** that bag for you.
* **Shall** I ***organise*** the meeting?

#### Suggestions

We use **shall we…?**

* **Shall** we ***eat*** out today?

#### Requests

When we ask someone to do something for us.

* **Will** you ***open*** the door, please?

## ****may**** or ****might**** as a future form

We use **may** or **might** for possible actions in the future (when ‘we are not sure’). Compare:

* I’***ll be*** late for dinner today. (=I am sure.)
* I ***might*** ***be*** late for dinner today. (=It’s possible, but I am not sure.)
* I’***m going***to Denmark next September. (=Sure.)
* I ***might go*** to Denmark next September. (=Not sure.)

We use **may** or **might** for things that will possibly happen in the future, but we are not too sure. It’s like a prediction about something that we think perhaps will happen.

* The economy ***might suffer*** a global recession next year.
* Temperatures ***may go up*** next week.

We use **may** or **might not**for actions or things that will possibly not happen.

* She looks very tired. She ***might not come*** with us.
* We ***may not have*** enough time to finish the report for tomorrow.

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