

FUTURE

Present Simple

timetables, programmes

Present Continuous

actions we have already arranged to do in the near future

be going to

- plans or intentions
- predictions based on evidence

- I'm **going to travel** around the world when I graduate.
- Look at the clouds. It **is going to rain**.

FUTURE SIMPLE

I **will** play / **Will** I play? / I **won't** play

- predictions, promises, hopes, threats/warnings, offers, requests (think, believe, expect, be sure, be afraid, promise, swear, guarantee, hope, probably, perhaps, certainly)
- on the spot decisions
- actions which will inevitably happen

- I believe everything **will be** OK. I'm afraid he **won't be** in time for the meeting. I promise I **will help** you. He **will** probably **win** the contest.
- (The phone is ringing) I'll **answer** it!
- Winter **will be** here soon.

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

I **will be** playing / **Will** I **be** playing? / I **won't be** playing

- action which will be in progress at a stated future time
- action which is part of a routine
- when we ask politely about someone else's plans usually because we want sth

- This time next week we **will be sunbathing** in the Caribbean.
- Jim and Betty **will be cleaning** the house tomorrow. They always do it on Sunday.
- **Will you be going** to the supermarket today? (= if so, I'd like you to get something for me.)

FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE

I **will** have played / **Will** I have played? / I **won't have** played

action which will be finished before a stated time in the future

- Mum **will have cooked** our favourite meal by the time we get home.

FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

I **will have been** playing / **Will** I **have been** playing? / I **won't have been** playing

emphasis on the duration of an action up to a certain time in the future

- By the end of this month he **will have been working** for the same company for 20 years.