

TENSES AND USE OF TENSES IN THE FUTURE I

FUTURE

Present Simple	✓ Future events that are part of a Timetable	⇒ <i>The train <u>leaves</u> in an hour</i>
Present Continuous	✓ Specific plans for the future and intentions. Normally include a specific time and place.	⇒ <i>We <u>are meeting</u> Helen tomorrow at the theatre.</i> ⇒ <i>I'm <u>asking</u> for a pay rise tomorrow</i>
Going to	<p>I <u>am going to</u> study (He/She/It) <u>is going to</u> study (We/You/They) <u>are going to</u> study</p> <p>Am I <u>going to</u> study? Is (he/she/it) <u>going to</u> study? Are (we/you/they) <u>going to</u> study?</p> <p>Yes, I am. No, I'm not. Yes, (He/She/It/) <u>is</u>. No, (He/She/It/) <u>isn't</u>. Yes, (We/You/They) <u>are</u>. No, (We/You/They) <u>aren't</u>.</p>	<p>✓ Plans and intentions ⇒ <i>She <u>is going to paint</u> the house all by herself.</i></p> <p>✓ Predictions about the future based on evidence we have now ⇒ <i>Oh no! Look at that car. <u>It's going to have</u> an accident!</i> ⇒ <i>My sister <u>is going to have</u> a baby.</i></p>
Future Simple	<p>(I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>will study</u>. <u>Will</u> (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>study</u>? Yes, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>will</u>. No, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>won't</u>.</p>	<p>✓ Future facts and certainty ⇒ <i>The factory <u>will open</u> in July.</i> ⇒ <i>I'm sure you <u>will pass</u> your exam.</i></p> <p>✓ General Predictions about the future and for promises, offers, requests, refusals and warnings ⇒ <i>I think our team <u>will win</u>.</i></p> <p>✓ Decisions that you make as you are speaking ⇒ <i>Ok! <u>I'll go</u> with you to the beach.</i></p>
	Shall (used instead of will for first person)	<p>✓ Offers and suggestions ⇒ <i><u>Shall we go</u> to the cinema?</i></p>
Future Continuous	<p>(I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>will be studying</u>. <u>Will</u> (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>be studying</u>? Yes, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>will</u>. No, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>won't</u>.</p>	<p>✓ Actions or events that will be in progress in the future ⇒ <i><u>This time next week I'll be travelling</u> to Russian on business</i></p> <p>✓ Habits or repeated actions at a point in the future. ⇒ <i>In the future, people <u>will be commuting</u> to work by plane.</i></p>
Future Perfect Simple	<p>(I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>will have studied</u>. <u>Will</u> (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>have studied</u>? Yes, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>will</u>. No, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) <u>won't</u>.</p>	<p>✓ Completed situations before a certain time in the future ⇒ <i><u>We'll have flown</u> to New York by next week.</i></p> <p>✓ Continuing situations up to a certain time ⇒ <i><u>This time next month, I'll have worked</u> here for 25 years.</i></p>

TENSES AND USE OF TENSES IN THE FUTURE II

FUTURE		
Future Simple	Shall (used instead of will for first person) I shall / Shall I? / I shall not – I shan't) We shall / Shall we? / We shall not – We shan't)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Offers and suggestions ⇒ <i>Shall we go to the cinema?</i> ✓ Other formal contexts ⇒ <i>The management shall not be responsible for damage to personal property.</i>
Future Perfect Continuous	(I/He/She/It/We/You/They) will have been studying. Will (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) have been studying? Yes, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) will. No, (I/He/She/It/We/You/They) won't.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continuing situations up to a certain time (emphasises durations) ⇒ <i>This time next month, I'll have been working here for 25 years.</i>

*Other ways to express future

Be (just) about to	✓ For the (very) near future	⇒ <i>I'm just about to ask for a pay rise</i>
Be (just) on the point/verge of		⇒ <i>He is on the verge of a nervous break down</i>
Be due to	✓ For formal arrangements	⇒ <i>I'm due to meet the client at 11.00</i>
Be to do	✓ For obligations	⇒ <i>You're to get your own dinner ready</i>
	✓ For formal announcements	⇒ <i>The new hospital is to open in summer</i>

*Future in the past

Will – would	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In the past: ⇒ <i>I think the new hospital will open in September</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At present: ⇒ <i>I thought the new hospital would open in September</i>
Present simple – past simple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Then: ⇒ <i>I'm in a hurry because the bus leaves at 4</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Now: ⇒ <i>I was in a hurry because the bus left at 4</i>