

Future forms

Present simple - schedules

- We can use present simple for future if the event in the future is regular
- Hurry, the train leaves at 11:40.
- We should go, the meeting starts at 15:00.
- In both cases, the event is in the future, but we know by the tense that it always happens at this time.

Present continuous – near future

- We can use present continuous to speak about near future events and appointments.
- I am going to a party tonight / this weekend.
- - the event is near
- I am going to a doctor this afternoon.
- - the event is an appointment

Will

- 1. on spot decisions (often during conversations)
 - Wait, I will close the door.
 - - I got this idea right now
- 2. predictions without evidence (emotional, general)
 - I think it will rain.
 - - It is just a guess and a feeling when used with will (words such as think, believe often precede)

Be going to

- 1. Future decisions and plans that we have already made, distant future
 - I am going to Italy next summer.
 - - I have already decided/planned this
- 2. predictions with evidence
 - It is going to rain soon.
 - - I have some evidence (there are clouds, I watched the weather forecast and such)

Future continuous

- Activities that will be in progress in the particular moment in future.
- Next month at this time, I will be sailing on the ocean.
- - it is happening in that moment in future

Future perfect - deadlines

- We use this tense to talk about deadlines in the future and about activities what will finish at some point in future.
- I will have submitted the assignment by Sunday.
- - I do not know when I will submit, but definitely by Sunday.

Future perfect continuous

- We use this tense to talk about how long something will be happening for in future.
- I will have been studying for 4 years by September.
- - at that time in future (September) the activity will now be happening for 4 years.

For more, please see the handout!