**The future**

There are several ways of talking about future:

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| 1. SIMPLE FUTUREwill + verb (will go) | A. something that has been planned or arranged |
| 2. PRESENT SIMPLE verb (go, goes) | B. an action which leads up to a given point in the future but is not necessarily finished at that point |
| 3. PRESENT CONTINUOUS be + verb+ing (is going) | C. talking about future after **if**, **before**, **after**, **as soon as**, **when** and future timetabled events |
| 4. FUTURE CONTINUOUSwill + be + verb+ing (will be going)  | D. an action that will have finished at a given point in the future  |
| 5. FUTURE PERFECTwill + have + verb in PP(will have gone)  | E. the future in general and in main clause of a first conditional sentence |
| 6. FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS will + have + been + verb+ing (will have been going)  | F. action that will be happening at a given point in the future |

Can you make an example for each of these possibilities?

1. WILL=SIMPLE FUTURE - the future in general and in main clause of a first conditional sentence

*The presentation will finish at about 4 o’clock.*

*If it finishes earlier, there will be more time for questions.*

2. PRESENT SIMPLE - talking about future after **if**, **before**, **after**, **as soon as**, **when**

- future timetabled events

*When he gets here, could you let me know?*

*Dr Carlin’s train leaves London at 1:30 and gets into Oxford at 2:10.*

3. PRESENT CONTINUOUS - something that has been planned or arranged

*We are sending out invitations over the next couple of weeks.*

4. FUTURE CONTINUOUS - an action that will be happening at a given point in the future

*This time next week, you will be flying back to the USA.*

5. FUTURE PERFECT - an action that will have finished at a given point in the future

*By the end of the year you will have learned enough English to be able to work in a hospital.*

6. FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS - an action which leads up to a given point in the future but is not necessarily finished at that point

*This is a long presentation. By five o’clock, Dr Schwartz will have been talking for an hour and half.*