



Future Simple Use

Future Simple Tense

Let's review how each of these four tenses can be used and provide some example sentences.

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Present Simple	Present Continuous	Going to Future	Will Future
<p>Future event with a schedule/timetable</p> <p>After the words when, until, before, after and as soon as</p>	<p>Future event that is planned and organised but not to a timetable</p> <p>Future events that often involve other people</p>	<p>Planned future event or intention that is decided but not fully organised</p> <p>Prediction based on current information</p> <p>Action about to happen in the immediate future</p>	<p>Spontaneous future decision</p> <p>True future fact</p> <p>Personal prediction</p> <p>Offer</p> <p>Threat</p> <p>Promise</p>

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Present Simple

Future event with a
schedule/timetable

The present simple tense is used
in the future to talk about a
scheduled/timetabled event.

*The plane lands at 6pm tonight.
The class starts at 8.30am tomorrow.*

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Present Simple

After the words when,
until, before, after and
as soon as

The present simple tense is used with specific keywords to express a future event. There is normally a second part of the phrase with another future tense.

As soon as she finishes *her homework, we'll go into town.*

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Present Continuous

Future event that is planned and organised but not to a timetable

The present continuous tense is used in the future for a personal event that is planned and organised (but not with a timetable)

*We are getting married in summer.
We are going on holiday next week.*

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Present Continuous

Future events that often
involve other people

The present continuous tense is used in the future for a personal event that normally involves another person.

*She is coming for dinner on Sunday.
My mum is visiting us over Christmas.*

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Going To Future

Planned future event or intention that is decided but not fully organised

The going to future is used for a planned event, where the event has been decided but not completely organised and don't have a specific date/time for this event yet.

We are going to get married.



The windows are dirty. I'm going to clean them at some point!

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Compare both of these sentences



Present continuous

We are getting married in summer.

-  Decided
-  Planned/Organised

Going to Future

We are going to get married.

-  Decided
-  Not organised

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Going To Future

Prediction based on
current information

The going to future is used to predict a future action based on current information/evidence.

Look at those black clouds. It's going to rain!
You haven't studied anything, you're going to fail the exam.

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Going To Future

Action about to happen
in the immediate future

The going to future is used to talk about an action that will happen in the very immediate future.

*Careful! It is going to fall on the floor.
Watch out! You're going to trip over!*

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Will Future

Spontaneous future
decision

The will future is used to express a spontaneous decision.

I'm thirsty. I will have a drink.

Oh no, we don't have any milk. I'll go to the shops and get some.

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Will Future

True future fact

The will future is used to express a true future fact.

*Tomorrow will be Sunday.
The sun will rise tomorrow.*

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Will Future

Personal prediction

The will future is used to express a personal prediction.

*I think she'll be an actress when she grows up.
I think we'll win the championship.*

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Will Future

Offer

The will future is used to offer something to somebody.

I'll open the door for you, don't worry!
I'll pick you up at the airport if you want?

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Will Future

Threat

The will future is used to give a threat (normally in the first conditional form).

*If you don't come here, you won't get dinner.
If you don't tidy your room, I won't give you a sweet.*

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Will Future

Promise

The will future is used to promise something.

*I promise I'll buy you a new phone.
Do you promise me you'll be here on time?*