

## Grammar Unit 9:

### Future Tenses

1. Future Simple - will or won't + infinitive
2. Present Continuous (with future meaning)
3. Be going to + infinitive
4. Present Simple (with future meaning)

#### 1. Future Simple

##### Uses:

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| 1- Instant decisions | Knock, knock ... <b>I will open</b> the door.                  |
| 2- Promises          | I promise <b>I will study</b> harder.                          |
| 3- True facts        | I'm fourteen years old this year, <b>I'll be</b> 15 next week. |
| 4- Offers            | <b>I will help</b> you with your maths.                        |
| 5- Predictions       | <b>It will rain</b> tomorrow.                                  |

##### Structures:

( + ) Subject + **will** + verb in **infinitive** + complements

( - ) Subject + **will** + **not** + verb in **infinitive** + complements  
**will + not = won't**

( ? ) [ Wh- questions ] + **will** + subject + verb in **infinitive** + complements?

## 2. Present Continuous ( with future meaning )

To express a future arrangement ( things that are planned in our diary )

4<sup>th</sup> ESO students **are travelling** to Devon **next June**.

I have the plane tickets! We **'re flying** to Canada **in August**.

**Structures:**

( + ) Subject + **VERB to be PRESENT** + verb in gerund + complements  
**am / is / are** **-ing form**

( - ) Subject + **VERB to be PRESENT** + **not** + verb in gerund + complements  
**am / is / are** **-ing form**

**I am not = I'm not**

**is not = isn't**

**are not = aren't**

( ? ) [ Wh- QUESTIONS ]+ **VERB to be PRESENT** + subject +verb in gerund+ comp?  
**am / is / are** **-ing form**

### 3. **Be going to + infinitive**

Uses:

- To express intentions or plans.

I'm going to buy a new t-shirt next month.

We are going to spend our holidays in Tenerife next Summer.  
(If we save the money).

- To express a prediction because we can see the cause of an event.

Look! This car is very fast. We are going to crash.

Look at those clouds! It's going to rain.

Structures:

( + ) Subject + am / is / are + going to + verb in infinitive + complements

( - ) Subject + am / is / are + not + going to + verb in infinitive + complements

I am not = I'm not

is not = isn't

are not = aren't

( ? ) [ Wh- QUESTIONS ] + am / is / are + subject + going to + verb in infinitive + complements ?

#### 4. **Present Simple (with future meaning )**

Use: timetables, schedules or calendar events.

Examples: My flight **takes off** at 6:30 p.m.  
We **finish** school at 5 o'clock.  
My father **arrives** from work at 7 p.m.

#### **Will & be going to in contrast**

- To express intentions or plans: be going to + infinitive

I **'m going to buy** a new mobile phone.

We **'re going to travel** to NY.

- Predictions: be going to & will

To make a prediction because you can see the cause of an event with **be going to + infinitive**

Look at those black clouds!!! **It's going to rain.**

- Predictions in general about the future with **will**

It **will rain** tomorrow.

You **will win** the race.

- Instant decisions or offers: will

We'll have pizza, please.

I'll help you to carry the bags.

- To express you are 100% sure about something in the future with will (affirmative & negative meaning).

( + ) He trains hard every day so he will win the competition.

( - ) He only trains once a month so he won't win the competition.

### TIME EXPRESSIONS:

Tomorrow	demà
The day after tomorrow	demà passat
Next .... day	el/la proper/a dia
week	setmana
year	any
class	class
On Monday (...) weekdays	el dilluns (...) dies de la setmana
This week, month, year ...	aquesta setmana, mes, any ...

**Soon**

aviat

**Later**

més tard / després

**In a/an ... or 2,3,4 ... minute/s  
hour/s  
month/s  
year/s  
(...)**

en un/a ... ó 2,3,4 ... minut/s  
hora/es  
mes/mesos  
any/s  
(...)

**Tonight**

aquesta nit

**One day, in the future, ...  
( + hypothetical meaning )**

un dia, algun dia, en el futur, ...

**Position:** We place these time expressions **at the end of the sentence** and, occasionally, **at the beginning with comma.**