

Future tenses

Future

There are different tenses to express an action referring to the future. The following table shows five different future tenses.

Simple future	Going to-future	Future continuous	Future perfect	Future perfect continuous
will + infinitive	to be (am, are, is) + going to + infinitive	will be + present participle	will have + past participle	will have been + present participle
I will watch	I am going to watch	I will be watching	I will have watched	I will have been watching
- refers to an event that will presumably happen sometime in the future	- expresses a firmed plan or event in the future	- describes an unfinished action or event that will be in progress at a time later than	- refers to a completed action in the future	- refers to an action that is unfinished at the moment but will be finished at some

① Fill in the gaps. Use the tenses Simple future and Going to-future.

In the summer holidays Lisa (work) in a little Cafe, called La Perla, in Perugia in Italy. She (stay) there for three weeks and has already booked an accommodation where she (live).

In her freetime she (lay) at the beach and enjoy the warm weather and water. She (visit) some friends in the nearby city. Maybe she (take) the train one day and meet her aunt at a shopping centre. Lisa (take) part in an art class at the museum of fine arts.

② Circle the right answer.

1. Please don't disturb us today between 8:00 and 9:00 clock, we (will have , will be having) an important meeting.

2. Marcus (will leave , will have left) by next week.

3. By the end of the month, I (will have been studying , will be studying) Latin for three years.

4. Next time Jakob goes out he (will have been wearing , will be wearing) a suit.

5. I (will have worked , will have been working) in this shop for 15 years when I retire.



Simple Present

Sometimes we can also use the Simple Present to express something that is happening in the future.

E.g.: The train leaves at 9.45 o'clock.