

## 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                                                                                                 |
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| will + infinitive                                                                                                                | to be (am, are, is) +<br>going to + infinitive         | will be + present<br>participle                                                                            | will have + past<br>participle                     | will have been +<br>present participle                                                                                    |
| I will watch                                                                                                                     | I am going to watch                                    | I will be watching                                                                                         | I will have watched                                | I will have been<br>watching                                                                                              |
| - refers to an event<br>that will<br>presumably<br>happen sometime<br>in the future<br>- can express<br>spontaneous<br>decisions | - expresses a<br>firmed plan or<br>event in the future | - describes an<br>unfinished action<br>or event that will<br>be in progress at a<br>time later than<br>now | - refers to a<br>completed action<br>in the future | - refers to an<br>action that is<br>unfinished at the<br>moment but will<br>be finished at<br>some point in the<br>future |

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. Hopefully she  (improve) her italian knowledge.

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.