

## 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.