

## Talking about the future

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Present simple</b></p> <p>Timetabled events, e.g. TV programme or train departure (timetabled future)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„The hair salon opens at 8 o'clock.“</i></p>                                                                                     | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Present continuous</b></p> <p>Personal arrangements (diary future)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I am getting my hair cut next week.“</i></p>                                                                                                                              |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Going to + infinitive</b></p> <p>Predictions (when you can see the evidence)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„Look at the clouds. It's going to rain.“</i></p> <p>Decisions already made</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I'm going to get my hair cut.“</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Will + infinitive</b></p> <p>Predictions (based on no evidence)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I think it will rain in a few days.“</i></p> <p>Decisions made at the time of speaking (spontaneous)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I will get my hair cut.“</i></p> |

① **Talk for a minute about each of the following, using the correct future tense. You may also write down one example sentence for each:**

- 1) Your arrangements for this evening.

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- 2) Your intentions for the rest of the year.

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- 3) Your predictions for the planet for 2050.

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### Predictions

Predictions can be based on **evidence** or **no evidence**.

When talking about your predictions for the planet for 2050, you can use both will-future or going-to future, depending on whether there is evidence or not.

E.g.:

*I think there will be flying cars in 2050.*

*Scientists say that Venice is going to be flooded by 2050. (Wissenschaftler haben Beweise dafür.)*

arrangement = Vereinbarung  
intention = Absicht  
prediction = Vorhersage  
evidence = Beweis/Hinweis