

# FUTURE TENSES

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS WITH FUTURE MEANING

### EXERCISE 1

Here is a page taken from Pamela's diary for next week.

Monday	10.30	Dentist.
	1.00 pm	Lunch with Thomas.
Tuesday	Morning	Washing up.

	4.00 pm	Shopping with Diana.
Wednesday	morning  2.30 pm	Visit mum in Piacenza.  Group Class at Opening.
Thursday	11.00  afternoon	Tea with Sandra.  Clean the house.
Friday	morning  afternoon	Ironing.  Buy a present for Thomas' birthday.

Saturday	10.00	Hairdresser's.
	8.30 pm	Dinner with Thomas.

Write sentences using the information from Pamela's diary in the Present Continuous.

E.g. On Monday, at 10.30 Pamela is going to the dentist.

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# WILL AND SHALL

## EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences by writing *will* or *shall* in the correct spaces.

*e.g. Shall we go to the cinema tonight?*

*I will buy lunch today.*

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the cinema tonight.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I cook the dinner tonight?
3. My father \_\_\_\_\_ buy the newspaper.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I open the window?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ get a taxi to work.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ we go to Venice this weekend?.

# WILL

## EXERCISE 2.

What would your instant decision be in the following situations?

Use the following verbs to help you write the answer: *answer, phone, wash, make, clean, drive, carry, lend.*

*e.g. The telephone rings.      ->      I will answer it.*

1. This bag is very heavy.      I will \_\_\_\_\_
2. Susan doesn't want to wash the dishes.      I will \_\_\_\_\_
3. I'm hungry.      I will \_\_\_\_\_
4. When will you phone me.      I will \_\_\_\_\_
5. I don't want to drive.      I will \_\_\_\_\_
6. I don't have any money.      I will \_\_\_\_\_
7. The window is very dirty.      I will \_\_\_\_\_

## FUTURE: TO BE ABOUT TO + INFINITIVE

We use the fixed expression *to be about to + infinitive* to make statements about an action in the near future.

The word *just* can be added to make the action even more immediate.

E.g. *My friend Daniel asks me to come and play football with him. I respond with the following statement;*

*“Sorry, I can’t. I’m just about to drive my sister to the airport.”*

## EXERCISE 1.

Complete the following exercises with the correct form of *to be about to* and the correct verb from the list.

*Fall, sink, explode, leave.*

1. Tic, tic, tic. The bomb \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Hurry up! The train \_\_\_\_\_ the station!
3. Watch out! The glasses \_\_\_\_\_ off of the tray!
4. Abandon ship! The boat \_\_\_\_\_ into the sea!

## EXERCISE 2.

Answer the questions using *just* and the correct form of *be about to* with the clues provided.

1. Do you want to come to the swimming pool with us? (go home / have lunch)

No thanks, \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are Jeffrey and Anne going to help us carry the boxes? (go / cinema)

No thanks, \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you and Greg busy? (do our homework)

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is she going to the British Museum? (go / Buckingham Palace)

No, \_\_\_\_\_



# PRESENT SIMPLE WITH FUTURE MEANING

The present simple can have a future meaning when used with verbs referring to a timetable, a schedule, or a programme.

E.g. *Tonight I will go to the cinema to see the film “Haunted House II”. It starts at 9 pm and finishes at 11 pm..*

## EXERCISE 1.

Using the table and clues provided, write sentences with the present simple.

	Start/leave/depart/take off	Finish/arrive/land
Train London – Manchester	9:00	13:45

Plane Milan ~ Paris	20:00	21:30
Film “Big Ben Strikes Again”	18:30	20:20
Bus Reading – Bath	14:10	16:35
Opera “Flowers for Flora”	19:00	22:00

E.g. train / 9:00

*The train leaves London at 9:00 am. OR The train departs from London at 9:00 am.*

1. bus / in Bath / 16:35

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2. film / 18:30

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3. opera / 22:00

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4. plane / in Paris / 21:30

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5. bus / Reading / 14:10

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6. plane / from Milan / 20:00

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# FUTURE TENSE OF THE VERB “TO HAVE TO”

## EXERCISE 1.

Complete the following sentences by using the future tense of “have to”.

*e.g. Tomorrow, if it is raining, I will have to take the bus to school.*

1. After the party, you \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the whole house.
2. When we'll arrive at the hotel, we \_\_\_\_\_ (register) at the front desk.
3. The passengers \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the train on platform 2 tomorrow.

4. If you want to drive in Canada, you \_\_\_\_\_  
(change) your driving licence.
5. During the cruise, we \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for extras.
6. This year, people who are travelling by plane with more  
than two bags \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) a surcharge.
7. Because of tomorrow's strike, trains \_\_\_\_\_ (stop).
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a bus, because the trains are not  
running.
9. If you travel by bus in Italy, you \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) your  
ticket in advance.

## EXERCISE 2.

Re-write the following letter using the future tense of the verb “to have to”.

Dear Mary,

Tomorrow your plane leaves at 9 o'clock in the morning.

*e.g. In order to catch it, you will have to wake Tim up at 6 o'clock, so that he can eat breakfast and check out from his hotel room.*

My advice: you \_\_\_\_\_ (to meet) him there! Outside the hotel you \_\_\_\_\_ (to ask) for a taxi, and \_\_\_\_\_ (to tell) the driver to take you to the International Airport. Remember that you \_\_\_\_\_ (to check in) one hour in advance! It is a two-hour flight. When you land in Paris, you \_\_\_\_\_ (to go)

to the tourist office where you \_\_\_\_\_ (to ask) for directions to the underground. Remember that you \_\_\_\_\_ (to change) your money at the airport. Once you get out at the Eiffel Tower, you \_\_\_\_\_ (to take) a ferry to Notre Dame. When you reach the cathedral, you \_\_\_\_\_ (to walk) alongside the riverbank and at the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of traffic lights you \_\_\_\_\_ (to turn) left and continue to the end of the road. My house is the blue one. The bell is broken, so you \_\_\_\_\_ (to call) me on my mobile phone. Remember that I \_\_\_\_\_ (to go) to work at 2 o'clock, so if you are late, just walk straight along the road to the end. Go into the building on the right and you \_\_\_\_\_ (to ask) the receptionist to call me.

See both of you tomorrow, Love Susan





## EXERCISE 3.

Re-write the following sentences by using the negative form of the future tense of the verb “to have to”.

*e.g. Next Friday, I'll have to go out.*

*Next Friday, I will not have to go out / I won't have to go out.*

1. They (to go) to the cinema.
2. She (to marry) Tom.
3. We (to reserve) two hotel rooms.
4. You (to play) tennis next Wednesday.

5. He (to study) the whole book.
6. I (to go) to school on Sunday.
7. We (to call) our French friends every night.
8. She (to wear) a uniform in the office.
9. You (to change) your car soon.
10. He (to call) the airline to confirm the flight.

## EXERCISE 4.

Now, re-write the following sentences in the interrogative form.

*e.g. Next Friday, I will have to go out.*

*Next Friday, will you have to go out ?*

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3. We (to reserve) two hotel rooms.

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## EXERCISE 1.

Underline the correct option in the following predictions.

*Example:*

*Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll/~~I'll~~ have to begin.*

1. I think England will/are going to win the world cup.
2. You will/will have to marry a tall dark handsome stranger.
3. I will/will have collected a hundred shells by the end of my holiday.
4. Mankind will/will have to live on the moon by the year 2010.
5. Tomorrow I'll/I'll be in Spain on the beach, having a cocktail.
6. In the year 3000 everybody will have/will eleven fingers.
7. Alien life will be/will discovered on Mars.
8. Rats will/will have to take over the Earth.

## EXERCISE 2.

Now create your own predictions of what will happen in the following time spans.

Tomorrow

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Next week

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Next year

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