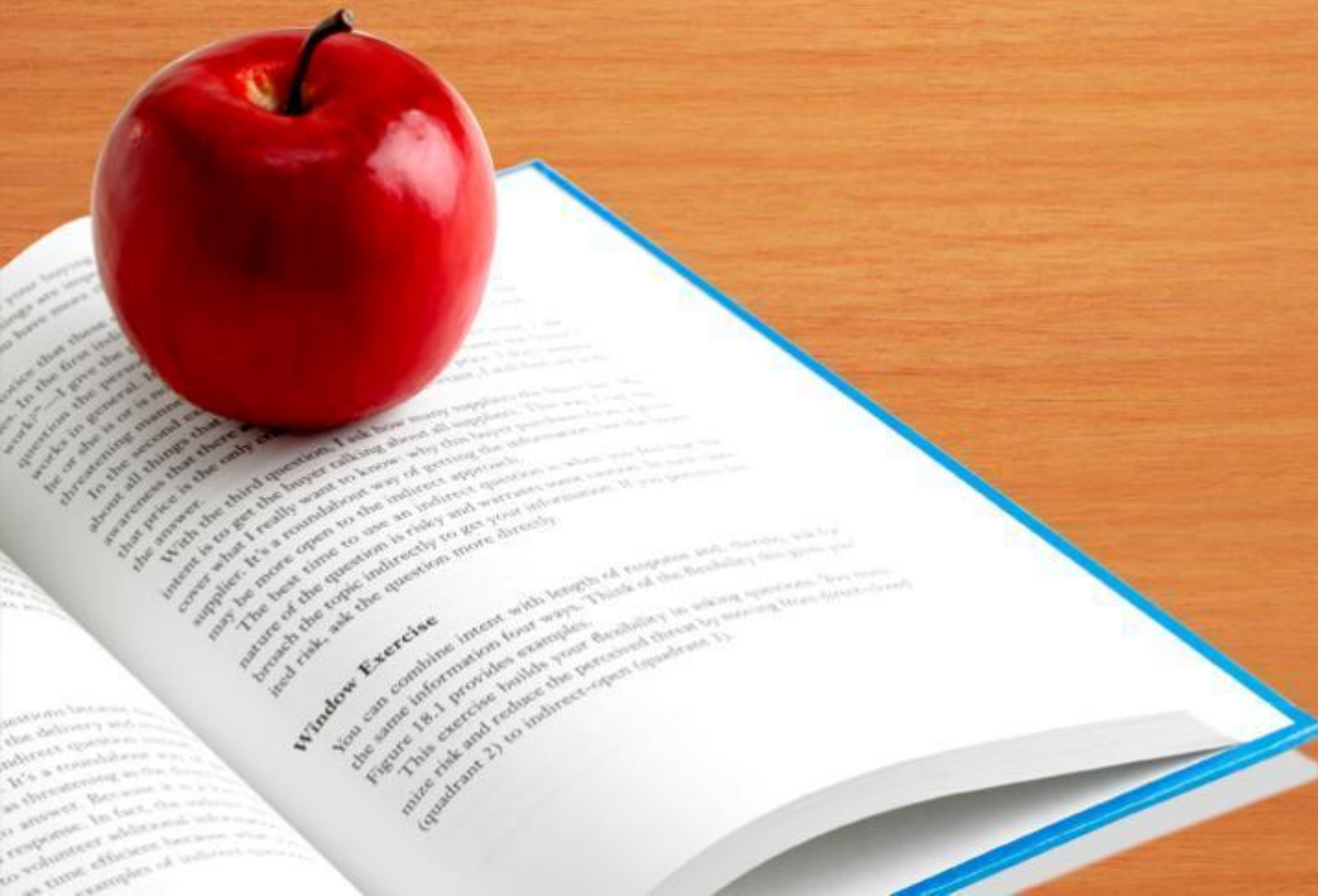


# *The ways to express Future*



*Present  
Simple*

*Present  
Continuous*

*Future Simple*

*To be going to*

*To be to*

## 1. Future plans, arrangements, appointments.

*Settled plans at a specific time and place. The arrangements have already been made.*  
*Ex: We are getting married next month. (the wedding has already been arranged).*

*Intentions decided at the time of speaking .*  
*Ex: Come on, I'll help you with those bags. (seeing that someone is struggling with their shopping bags).*

*Intentions that have already been decided before the time of speaking but have not been fully planned.*  
*Ex: We 're going to get married. (referring to a past decision).*

*An official arrangement.*  
*Ex: The German Chancellor is to visit France.*



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## 2. Timetables, programs.

*Ex:* The train arrives  
at 5 p.m.

The film starts at 6  
p.m.





<i>Present Simple</i>	<i>Present Continuous</i>	<i>Future Simple</i>	<i>To be going to</i>	<i>To be to</i>
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### 3. Predictions

*Predictions that are based on personal judgment, opinion or intuition.*

*Ex:* I think you will find this book interesting. (opinion)

#### **! Often after:**

**I think**

**I believe**

**I suppose**

**In my opinion**

**Probably**

**May be**

*Predictions that are based on present evidence.*

*Ex:* My sister is going to have a baby. (you can see that she is pregnant).

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#### 4. In clauses of time and conditions.

After: when, while, before, after, until, till.....  
if, unless, on condition...

I will go for a walk  
**AFTER** I do my  
homework.

We will go to the  
country **IF** the weather  
is fine.



# Guess the meaning

My train \_\_\_\_ at 11.45  
(to leave)



Look! The sky is  
overcasts. It \_\_\_\_ (to  
rain).



Hey John! Wait a minute.  
I \_\_\_\_ a word with  
you. (to have)



You \_\_\_\_ the sweets on  
the shelf. (not/to reach)





# *Practice*

## **Match the questions with the replies.**

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| a. Are you free on Saturday night?                  | 1. Yes, I'm seeing her tomorrow.             |
| b. What are your plans for the winter holidays?     | 2. No, I'm leaving on Friday morning.        |
| c. What are the arrangements for the trip tomorrow? | 3. Not really. I need to study for the test. |
| d. Where is Lisa going? I must talk to her.         | 4. She'll be back in a minute.               |
| e. Are you going to be at the party on Sunday?      | 5. I'm going to visit my friends.            |
| f. Do you still go out with Helen?                  | 6. We're leaving at 8 a.m.                   |



# Practice

- **Put the verb into the correct form: present simple, present continuous, going to or will.**
- -I.....(go) to the cinema this evening.
- -Look at those clouds! It.....(rain)
- -I'm too tired to walk home. I think I.....(take) a taxi.
- -.....(the film/begin) at 3.30 or 4.30?
- -He.....(not/use) the car this evening, so you can have it.
- -I bought this T-shirt but it's too big. I think I.....(return/it).
- -Who.....(you/invite) to your birthday's party?
- -I.....(not/go) out this evening. I.....(stay) at home.
- -Sue.....(come) to see us tomorrow. She.....(travel) by train and her train  
.....(arrive) at 10.15.
- -'Would you like tea or coffee?' 'I.....(have) a coffee, please.
- -(Suddenly) I've decided not to stay here any longer! Tomorrow I.....(look) for somewhere else to stay.
- -It's a bit cold. The window is open and you decide to close it. You say: I think I.....(close) the window.