

# **EXPRESSING FUTURE TIME**

## **Part 2**

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It may rain tomorrow.





(a) It *may rain* tomorrow .

**May** + verb  $\xrightarrow{\text{possibility in the}}$  future



(a) It **may rain** tomorrow .

(b) Zoe **may be** at school **now**.

**May** + verb —→ possibility in the  
future  
or  
present



- (a) It **may rain** tomorrow.
- (b) Zoe **may be** at school now.
- (c) It **might rain** tomorrow.
- (d) Zoe **might be** at school now.

**may = might**



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***may rain = might rain***



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(e) Mr. Lee **will be** at work tomorrow.

(f) Theresa **may / might be** at the party tonight.

**will be** — speaker feels  
sure

**may / might be** — speaker doesn't  
know



(f) Theresa **may be** at the party tonight.

(a) Theresa **may / might not be** at the party tonight.

**may be**

NEGATIVE

**may not / might**

+ similar  
meaning

**might not be**



Theresa **may will be** at the party tonight.

Theresa **might will be** at the party tonight.



I will be 35 years old on Monday.

sure

?

not sure



Adrianna might be at my party.

sure

?

not sure



Yung won't be at the party.

She might go to Hong Kong on Monday.

sure

?

not sure



*MAYBE* (ONE WORD) vs. *MAY BE* (TWO WORDS)

Maybe he will be in our class.





## MAYBE (ONE WORD) vs. MAY BE (TWO WORDS)

(a) “Will he be in our class?”

“I don’t know. **Maybe. Maybe he will be**  
in our class, and **maybe he won’t.**”

(b) **Maybe** he will be in our class.

adverb    S            V

**Maybe** = possibility





MAYBE (ONE WORD) vs. MAY BE (TWO WORDS)

(b) **Maybe** he will be in our class.

adverb    S            V



(c) He **maybe** + subject + verb  
(one word)

**may be** = verb  
(two words)



*may be*

verb

*maybe*

adverb



**maybe**  
**may be**

It may be fun to go rafting.





maybe  
may be

Rafting may be expensive.





**maybe      may be**

Maybe we have enough money to go rafting.





**maybe**  
**may be**

The weather may be bad tonight.

Maybe we will have bad weather.



Before Kiara goes home  
today,  
she will do her homework.





- (a) **Before Kiara goes home today,** she will do her homework.

SIMPLE PRESENT in  
**future time clauses**

*Before Kiara ~~will go~~ home today,* she will do her homework.

?

*Before Kiara ~~is going to go~~ home today,* she will do her homework.

?





(b) Kiara is going to go home today  
*after she **does** her homework.*

a future time clause





(c) *When I **turn** 21 next year , I'm going to get married.*

a future time clause





## time clause ?

I'm going to go play outside  
after I eat another cookie.





## time clause ?

Before I go home , I'm  
going  
to buy a scarf at the store.





I'm going to be a doctor  
after I finish medical school.



**time clause ?**



If you cut the carrots,  
I'll make the soup.





(a) ***If you cut the carrots,*** I'll make the soup.  
if-clause main clause

(b) I'll make the soup ***if you cut the carrots.***  
main clause if-clause

main clause, main if-clause





(c) ***If I have enough money***, I'm going to go on vacation.  
*if-clause* main clause

(d) ***If we don't have class tomorrow***, I'll go skiing.  
*if-clause* main clause

SIMPLE PRESENT  
in *if-clauses* —————> future time





**pay**  
**clean**

If she pays us, we will clean her house.





**eat**  
**marry**

She will eat great food if  
she marries that chef.



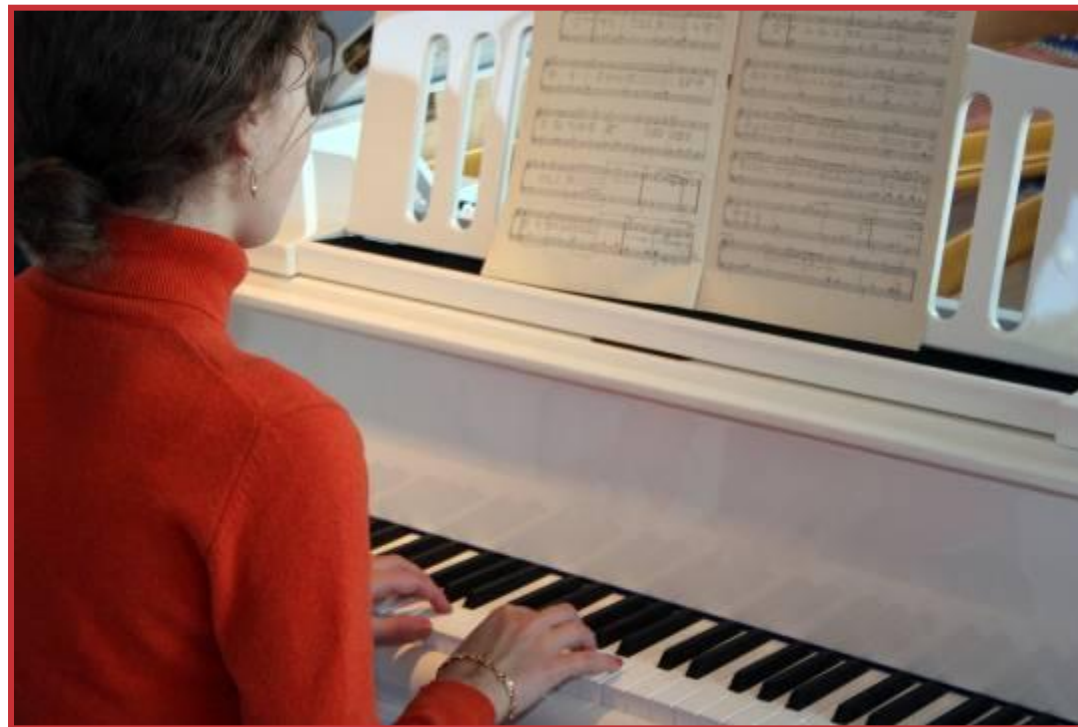


**learn**  
**move**

If Jacob learns to speak Italian,  
he is going to move to Italy.  
will move



After I finish my work,  
I play the piano.





- (a) FUTURE      After Meg **does** her homework,  
she **will play** the piano.

simple present - **in the time clause**

- (b) HABITUAL      After Meg **does** her homework  
PRESENT          (every day), she always **plays**  
                         the piano.

simple present - **in both clauses**



(c) FUTURE      If it ***snows*** tomorrow,  
                         I ***am going to go*** skiing.

simple present - **in the time clause**

(d) HABITUAL      If it ***snows*** ,I ***go*** skiing.  
PRESENT

simple present - **in both clauses**



After Jeff goes to the grocery store,  
he is going to cook dinner.



**go**  
**cook**



He always goes to the grocery store,  
before he cooks dinner.



**go**  
**cook**





**be**  
**wear**

If it is sunny, she wears sunglasses.





What does he do every day?





## PRESENT

(a) *What **does** he **do** every day?*

He *works* in a hospital every day.

(b) *What **is** he **doing** right now?*

He *is working* in a hospital.

***What*** + a form of ***do*** ] about activities



PRESENT

(c) *What does he do?*

*He is a doctor.*



*What do you do? = What is your job?*



PAST

(d) *What **did** she **do** yesterday?*

*She flew to Alaska.*





## FUTURE

(e) *What are you going to do* next week?

*I'm going to paint my bedroom.*





## FUTURE

(f) *What **will** we **do** if the lights go out?*

*We'll use candles.*





**they do**

What do they do on Saturdays?

**golf play**

They play golf on Saturdays.







**they do**

What will they do next Saturday?

**golf play**

They will play golf next Saturday.





**he do**

What does he do? (job)

**doctor**

He is a doctor .

