

# 1. THE FUTURE (PART ONE)

**A: For confirmed plans in the future, you can use to be + ing:**

*For example: I'm playing tennis tomorrow with John; I'm flying back to Spain next week.*

**B: We can use 'will' for the confirmed plans, but it's more common to use to be + ing:**

*For example: What are you going to see at the cinema tonight? What time are you flying tomorrow?*

**C: Use the present continuous to announce an action you are going to do in the next moment:**

*For example: Okay, I'm leaving now; I'm so tired. I'm going to bed.*

**D: When talking about transport timetables, you can also use the present simple:**

*For example: My flight is at 2 tomorrow; the train arrives at 8 tonight.*

**E: You can use the present simple to talk about your own personal schedule:**

*For example: I finish work at 5 tomorrow; I start my university studies in September.*

## 2. THE FUTURE (PART TWO)

**A: Use 'going to' to talk about an intention for the future (i.e. something you plan on doing but haven't made arrangements for yet):**

*For example: My grades aren't very good - I'm going to work harder from now on.*

**B: Use 'going to' to talk about predictions for the future for which you are quite certain:**

*For example: My team are going to win tomorrow; He's going to fail his exams if he doesn't study harder; it's going to rain tomorrow.*

**C: Use 'will' for predictions when you are very certain:**

*For example: After such a poor campaign, he will surely lose the election.*

## 3. THE FUTURE (PART THREE)

**A: Use 'will' when you make a spontaneous decision, such as in a restaurant:**

*For example: I'll have the steak please; I think I'll have a salad to go with it.*

**B: Use 'will' to make offers:**

*For example: That bag looks heavy, I'll help you carry it; I'll give you a lift if you like.*

**C: Use 'will' to promise something:**

*For example: I'll never forget you; I'll pay you back tomorrow; I'll keep it a secret.*

**D: Use 'will you' to ask a grumpy question:**

*For example: Will you please be quiet? Will you drive a bit slower?*

**E: Use 'shall we' as a rhetorical question meaning 'let's'.**



*For example: Shall we stop here? Shall we grab a snack?*

## 4. PRACTICE QUESTIONS

**Complete the questions below with the correct form of the verb:**

- 1:** (In a restaurant) This one's on me. I \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for it.
- 2:** Tomorrow I \_\_\_\_\_ (go to play) football with my friends, but I've had to change my plans.
- 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ we get a snack?
- 4:** You're making too much noise! \_\_\_\_\_ (be quiet)?
- 5:** I won't forget about the book - I \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) it to you tomorrow.
- 6:** When you visit my city, I \_\_\_\_\_ (show) you the best places.
- 7:** Right. I'm too tired and hungry. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have a snack) then \_\_\_\_\_ (go to bed).
- 8:** That course is very expensive. I \_\_\_\_\_ help you pay for it.
- 9:** Tomorrow, I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my friends in their city.
- 10:** Tomorrow, I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish school) at 3, and then \_\_\_\_\_ (have) my tennis lessons at 4.
- 11:** England \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the next World Cup, I'm sure of it.

**Answers:** 1. 'll pay 2. was going to  
3. Shall 4. Will you be quiet? 5. 'll  
bring 6. 'll show 7. having a snack/  
going to bed 8. 'll help 9. 'm visiting  
10. finish school/have 11. will win