

EXPRESSING FUTURE

WILL

- Is used for decisions made at the time of speaking.

*I know, I'll **get** him a wallet for his birthday.*

*Oh, I've left the door open. I'll **go** and shut it.*

- Is used to make predictions. It is often preceded by *I think* or by opinion words like *perhaps*. A time expression is also necessary.

*I think it'll **rain** tomorrow.*

*Perhaps she'll **be** late.*

- In speech, both *will* and *shall* are contracted to *'ll*. Use of *shall* after *I* and *we* is more common in formal speech

Note: Question with *will* is a **polite request!**

Will you please be quiet? I am trying to concentrate.

GOING TO

- Is used to describe a present intention. (I have already decided to do something)

*I **am going to fix** the television tomorrow.*

- If a predicted event is very near, and especially in impersonal statements, *going to* is also commonly used for predictions.

*You **are going to fall!***

*Liverpool **are going to win** the Cup.*

*She **is going to have** a baby.*

*I **am going to be** a cosmonaut.*

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

- Is used to describe a situation in the future at a particular time

*This time next week **we'll be eating** lunch on the plane!*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- Is used to describe plans and arrangements which are definite. Such arrangements may be written in a diary.

*Sorry I can't help you, I'm **leaving** in the morning.*

*What **are you doing** on Saturday evening?*

PRESENT SIMPLE

- Is used to describe future events which we cannot control. They may be facts, such as events in a timetable, or a law.

*The plane for Paris **leaves** at 9.45.*

*What time **do** you **finish** work tomorrow?*

Compare: *What time **are you leaving** tomorrow?*

*What time **does the train leave** tomorrow?*