

## 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?*