



FUTURE FORMS

Present Continuous

- **Arrangements** – e.g. things in your diary. Always used with time expression for future e. *tomorrow, on Monday, next week* etc.

I'm staying at my friend's house tomorrow night.
We're meeting Sue on Wednesday.

NOTE: An arrangement is normally made with another person, whereas a plan or intention can be something that doesn't involve anyone else (see **be going to**)

Present Simple

- **Timetabled or scheduled events**
Always used with a time of day. Commonly used with verbs such as *start, finish, arrive, depart*

The train leaves at 8pm tonight.
We start at 9.30 tomorrow morning

- **Instructions**
Turn left at the bottom of the road...
*Where **do** I pay?*

Will + infinitive

- **A new idea**, decided at the moment of speaking.

I'll go to the beach tomorrow.
We'll buy some bread on our way home

- **Facts or information**
For giving information about the future

It will be autumn soon
He'll meet you at the station at 4pm.

- **Predictions** when guessing, calculating or thinking but without necessarily having evidence.

Our team will win the football.
I think it will be warmer next week

- **Offers, Requests, Promises & Threats**

I'll drive you to the station.
I'll have a coffee, thanks.
I promise I'll pay you back tomorrow.
I'll tell Mum you ate all the biscuits!

- **Conditional + 'When' Clauses**

If we see John, we'll give him your phone number.
It will be late when you arrive.

Will or Shall?

- **Shall** is mostly used for **questions** only in the first person *I* or **we** for offers or suggestions:

Shall we go out for lunch? (do you want to...?)
Shall I shut the door? (do you want me to...?)

- **Will** is used for requests:

Will you shut the door? (I want you to shut it)

Be Going to + infinitive

- **Intentions** where the decision was made before the moment of speaking:

I've spoken to the bank manager and I'm going to buy a house.
They're going to get married.

NOTE: Unlike with the Present Continuous these plans are not necessarily arrangements:

- *Your shoes are dirty*
 - *I know, I'm going to clean them.*

- **Predictions** with evidence

Look at those black clouds. It's going to rain.
It's clear many small businesses are going to suffer

- **Commands and Refusals**

Being insistent about doing or not doing something

She's going to take that medicine whether she likes it or not!
I'm not going to eat that! It looks disgusting!