The Future

will · going to · present continuous · B1 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

will — predictions (I think…), quick decisions, promises, offers.
I think it'll rain. · OK, I'll help you.

going to — plans/intentions (decided before) and predictions from evidence.
I'm going to travel this summer. · Look out — you're going to fall!

Present continuous — fixed arrangements (with a time, often with other people).
I'm meeting Sara at six. · We're flying to Rome on Friday.

Signals: maybe/probably → will · planned → going to · a fixed time → present continuous.

1 will or going to? Complete the sentences.

1 I think it _____ (be) sunny tomorrow.

2 We _____ (visit) my grandparents this weekend. (plan)

3 Look at the sky! It _____ (rain). (evidence)

4 A: The phone's ringing. B: I _____ (answer) it.

5 She _____ (start) a new job next month. (intention)

6 Don't worry, I _____ (help) you. (offer)

2 Present continuous for fixed arrangements. Complete.

1 I _____ (meet) Tom at 7 pm.

2 We _____ (fly) to Rome on Saturday.

3 She _____ (not work) tomorrow.

4 _____ you _____ (do) anything on Friday?

5 They _____ (have) dinner with us tonight.

6 He _____ (play) tennis at five.

3 Choose the best future form.

1 I'm tired. I think I ('ll go / 'm going) to bed.

2 We ('ll visit / 're visiting) my aunt on Sunday. (arrangement)

3 Be careful! You ('ll drop / 're going to drop) it.

4 Maybe it (will / is going to) snow next week.

5 I ('m going to / 'll) learn to drive this year. (intention)

6 A: I can't lift this box. B: I ('ll / 'm going to) help you.

4 Complete with will, going to or present continuous.

1 The phone's ringing. I _____ (get) it!

2 Next summer we _____ (travel) around Europe. (plan)

3 I promise I _____ (not tell) anyone.

4 Look! The baby _____ (fall)!

5 I _____ (see) the dentist at 4 tomorrow. (arrangement)

6 I think our team _____ (win) the match.

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *I will to help you.*

2 *She is go to study tonight.*

3 *We will visiting London next week.*

4 *Look! It will rain — those clouds are black.*

5 *I'm meet Sara at six.*

Soluciones

Answer key. 'll = will.

1 · will or going to

1 will be 2 are going to visit 3 is going to rain
4 'll answer 5 is going to start 6 'll help

2 · Present continuous (arrangements)

1 am meeting 2 are flying 3 isn't working 4 Are you doing 5 are having 6 is playing

3 · Choose

1 'll go 2 're visiting 3 're going to drop 4 will 5 'm going to 6 'll

4 · will / going to / present continuous

1 'll get 2 are going to travel 3 won't tell 4 is going to fall 5 am seeing 6 will win

5 · Error correction

1 I'll help you. 2 She is going to study tonight. 3 We are visiting (will visit) London next week.
4 Look! It's going to rain … 5 I'm meeting Sara at six.