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The Future Tense

I- The future tense with *will*

1- We use *will* + the base form to form the future tense.

People **will live** longer.

They **will need** help from their children.

There **will be more** elderly people in 50 years.

2- We can contract *will* with the subject pronouns: *I'll, you'll, he'll, she'll, it'll, we'll, they'll*.

You'll **take** care of your parents.

I'll be 75 years old in 2050:

3- To form the negative, put *not* after *will*. The contraction for *will not* is *won't*.

The population **will not** go down.

I **won't** live with my children.

4- Compare statements, questions, and short answers using *will*.

She **will live** with her daughter

She **won't live** alone

Will she **live** with her son? Yes, she will.

Where **will** she **live**?

Why **won't** she **live** alone?

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb in the future tense.

Use *will*.

EXAMPLE: In the future, people _____ *will live* _____ longer.

1. The population of old people _____.

2. There _____ more older people by the middle of the twenty-first century.

3. Where _____ you _____ when you are old?

4. _____ your children _____ care of you?

5. How old _____ you _____ in 2050?

Exercise 2: A mother (M) is worried about her son (S), who is going away to college. Fill in the blanks to complete this conversation. Use the future with *will*.

M. I'm worried about you. You will be alone for the first time in your life.

S. Don't worry, Mom. I _____ alone. There a lot of people on campus.

M. Who _____ your clothes for you?

S. I'll wash them myself.

M. What _____ ?

S. I'll eat the food in the dorm.

M. Make of sure you eat a lot fruits and vegetables.

S. Don't worry. I _____.

M. When _____ ?

S. my classes will begin next week.

M. What _____ this week?

S. This week I _____ my new roommate. He's from Germany.

M. When _____ ?

S. He'll probably arrive tomorrow. This week I _____ my suitcases and set up my computer. Also I _____ my books at the bookstore. I _____ a map of the campus and learn how to get around.

II- The Future Tense with *Be Going To*

1- We use *be going to* + the base form to form the future tense.

People **are going to live** longer.

They **are going to need** help from their children.

There **are going to be** more elderly people in 50 years.

2- To form the negative, put *not* after *am*, *is*, *are*.

I'm not going to live with my children.

3- Compare statements, questions, and short answers with *be going to*.

She **is going to live** with her daughter.

She **isn't going to live** alone.

Is she going to live with her son? No, she isn't.

Where **is she going to live**?

Why **isn't she going to live** with her son?

Exercise 3: Fill in the blanks to tell what is going to happen.

Example: My running shoes are very old. I need new shoes. I'm going to buy a new pair

1. The sky is getting very cloudy and dark. It looks like it _____ .

2. Now it's raining. I need to go out I _____ umbrella with me.

3. I'm hungry. I _____ dinner.

4. My friend is arriving today at 4 o'clock. I _____ her at the airport.

5. We're almost finished with this lesson. The teacher _____

_____ us a test

soon.

6. The government needs more money. It _____ taxes.

7. My grandparents' apartment is too big for them. They _____ to a smaller apartment.

8. My grandfather is almost 65 and still working. He _____ soon and just relax.

9. My friends are coming over tomorrow, and my house is dirty. I _____ the house today.

10. My brother is going to Puerto Rico for vacation. He _____ me a postcard.

III- Will vs Be going to

uses	Will	Be going to
Prediction	My father always exercises and eats well. I think he will live a long life.	I think my father is going to live a long time.
fact	The sun will set at 6:43 tonight. The population of older people will increase	The sun is going to set at 6:43 tonight. The population of older people is going to increase.
Scheduled event	The movie will begin at 8 o'clock.	The movie is going to begin at 8 o'clock.
plan		My grandfather is going to move to Florida next year. I am going to return to my native country in three years.
Promise	I will always take care of you, Mom	
Offer to help	A: This box is heavy. B: I'll carry it for you.	

1. Use either *will* or ***be going to*** for predictions, facts about the future, and scheduled events. *Will* is more formal than ***be going to***.
2. When we have a plan to do something, we usually use *be going to*.
3. When we make a promise or offer to help, we usually use *will*.

IV- We sometimes use the present continuous tense with a future meaning.

- 1- We can do this with planned events in the near future. We do this especially with verbs of motion.

My grandmother is *moving* into a retirement home on Friday. *I'm helping* her move on Friday.

EXERCISE 4 Choose *will* or *be going to* fill in the blanks. In some cases, both are possible.

EXAMPLE:

1. A. Where are you going?

B. I'm going to the park this afternoon. I (*example meet*) _____
am going to meet my friend and play tennis with her. I have to return some videos to the video store, but I don't have time.

A. Give them to me. I (*pass*) _____ that way.

I (*return*) _____ them for you.

2. A. I have to go to the airport. My sister's plane (*arrive*) _____
 at four o'clock this afternoon.

B. I (*go*) _____ with you. I (*stay*) _____ in the car while you go into the airport. That way,
 you (*not/have to*) _____ pay for parking.

3. A. My sister's birthday is next week.

B. (*you/give*) _____ her a birthday present?

A. Of course, I _____

B. What _____ her?

(*you/give*)

A. She loves the theater. I (*buy*) _____ her tickets to a play.

B. How old (*be*) _____?

A. She (*be*) _____ 21 years old.

V- The Future Tense + Time/If Clause

We use the future tense only in the main clause; we use the simple present tense in the time clause and *if* clause.

When my parents **are** old, I **will take** care of them.

After they **retire**, they **will move** to a warm climate.

If my brother **isn't** home by six o'clock, I'm **going to eat** without him.

I'm going to do the homework before I **go** home.

EXERCISE 5 Connect the sentences using *if* or the time word in parentheses

EXAMPLE: I will retire. I will play golf. (when)

When / retire, I will play golf. OR I will play golf when I retire.

1. I will retire. I'm not going to live with my children. (when)

2. I will be old. I will take care of myself. (when)

3. My parents will need help. I'll take care of them. (if)

4. I won't be healthy. I'll live with my children. (if)

6. My parents will die. I'll move to another City. (after)

7. I will get a pension. I won't need to depend on my children. (if)

8. I'll retire. I'm going to save my money. (before)

