

The Future

- ☐ **Will** is the most usual way to refer to the future in English. (**Will** es la manera más usual de referirse al futuro en Inglés)

will / won't (will not) + **main verb in the infinitive form**

We use **will** :

- ▶ to predict the future based on what we think will happen. (Para predecir el futuro basados en lo que pensamos sucederá.)

*Robots **will do** the housework in the future.
I'm sure you **will enjoy** the party.*

- ▶ to talk about things that are certain to happen in the future. (Para hablar sobre cosas que estamos seguros sucederán en el futuro.)

*My son **will be** twelve in December.*

- ▶ to make promises and offers, give warnings. (Para hacer promesas y ofrecimientos, dar advertencias.)

*I **will be** back before 10:00.
Leave now or you **will miss** the train.*

We often use time expressions such as:

Tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, next week/ month/Friday, on Sunday, this evening, soon, in the future, in a month, one day, tonight, etc.

- ☐ **Be going to** is another way to refer to the future:

We use **be going to** (**am going to, is going to, are going to** according to the subject)

- ▶ to talk about our future plans or intentions. (para hablar acerca de planes e intenciones futuras)

*She **is going to see** Dr Evans at 6 p.m.
We **are going to eat** pizza tonight.
Paul **is going to study** at university next year.*

- to predict the future based on present evidence. (para predecir el futuro basado en la evidencia presente)

*Look at the clouds! It **is going to rain**.*
*Marianne **is going to have** a baby next december.*

Exercise.

Fill in the gaps with **will** or **be going to**. (Como guía, entre paréntesis aclaro lo que se expresa en cada oración)

1. Mary _____ a present for Tom this afternoon. (intention)
a) will buy
b) is going to buy
2. I _____ you cut the tree tomorrow. (promise)
a) will help
b) am going to help
3. Don't go out without a coat! You _____ a cold. (warning)
a) will catch
b) are going to catch
4. They _____ volleyball next summer. (plan)
a) will play
b) are going to play
5. I think scientists _____ more powerful solar energy. (prediction based on opinion)
a) will develop
b) are going to develop
6. She missed the bus. She _____ late for work! (prediction based on evidence)
a) will be
b) is going to be