

FUTURE FORMS

will/shall

predictions, offers, promises, requests, suggestions

Will you help me with the dishes?

Shall I get you some coffee?

on-the-spot decisions

"Your clothes are dirty."
"Are they? **I'll** wash them."

opinions, hopes, fears, especially with **think, expect, suppose, imagine, fear** etc

I think he'll pass the test.

SURE?

Time Expressions:

tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, tonight, soon, next week/month/year, in a week/month/year etc

be going to

intentions

*I know my clothes are dirty.
I'm going to wash them tomorrow.*

planned actions

*She's **going to** take her driving test next month.*

possible action seen in the future as a result of sth else

*He doesn't know how to light a fire.
He's **going to** burn himself.*

Future Continuous

actions in progress at a certain time in the future

***I'll be flying** to Paris this time tomorrow.*

logical assumptions about sb's actions in the present

*He **will be sleeping** now. (It's midnight.)*

previously planned actions (instead of Present Continuous)

***I'll be seeing** Sam tonight.
Would you like me to tell him the news?*

Future Perfect

actions finished before a certain future time, usually with **before, by, by then, by the time, until/till**

*By the end of July he **will have been** in Athens for two months.*

logical assumptions about sb's actions

*He **will have gone** to sleep by now.*

Future Perfect Continuous

an action up to a certain time in the future, emphasising the continuity, usually with **by ... for**
*By next Sunday, they **will have been living** here for two weeks.*

Note

by/before are used with Future Perfect in affirmative sentences; **until** is used in negative sentences
*She **will have cleaned** the house by 6 o'clock.
She **won't have cleaned** the house until 6 o'clock.*

OTHER WAYS OF EXPRESSING THE FUTURE

be + to-infinitive (future plans, instructions)

*The meeting **is to take place** on Wednesday.
You **are not to leave** the premises until 17:00.*

be about + to-infinitive/be on the point of + gerund (immediate future)

*They **are about to leave**.
They **are on the point of leaving**.*