FUTURE TENSES



Present simple

Uses: fixed schedule or timetable.

Examples:

The train arrives at 20.12. (a timetable)

The school year ends in June (a timetable)

What time **does** their flight to Seoul **leave**? (a schedule)



Present continuous

Uses: to talk about fixed arrangements and plans in the near future.

Examples:

I am leaving tomorrow. = I've already bought my train ticket.

We're having a staff meeting next Monday.



Future simple "WILL"

Uses:

Instant or spontaneous decisions.

- I'm hungry. I think I'll make a sandwich.

Future predictions based on personal opinions – *I'm sure you'll pass the test.*

Promises – I won't tell anyone your secret.

Offers – I'll carry your bags for you.



be going to + Verb

Uses:Intentions and decisions previously made.

Examples:

John has won the lottery. He says he's going to buy a Porsche.

Uses: Predictions based on external evidences

Examples

The sky is very black. It's going to snow. It's 8.30! You're going to miss your train!



Future continuous

WILL + BE+ V+ ING

Uses:actions in progress at a particular time in the future.

Key expressions: at 5pm, this time tomorrow, this time in 2 months...

Examples:

This time tomorrow, I'll be flying to Barbados.

At eight o'clock, I'll be eating dinner.



Future perfect

WILL+HAVE+ 3rd COLUMN OR -ED

Uses: situations that are expected to be finished before a specific time in the future.

Key expressions: By the end of this year, In two years time, 3 days from now. at midnight...

Examples:

By 10 o'clock, I will have finished my homework

By the time I'm sixty-seven, I will have retired. The guests are coming at 8 p.m. I'll have finished cooking by then.