

Future Tense with “Going To” – *What is Sara going to do?*

Below is Sara’s schedule for next week. Read it and then answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

Sara’s Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	doctor’s appointment	meet with boss	return library books	attend conference	go to gym	clean apartment	visit grandmother
Afternoon	buy groceries for the week	go to gym	go to gym	attend conference	buy food for party	cook, prepare for party	take nephew to the zoo
Evening	movie with Dave	do work reports	dinner with girlfriends	do the ironing	dinner with parents	party	relax at home

Ex. What is Sara going to do on Sunday morning? She’s going to visit her grandmother.

1. When is Sara going to see the doctor?

2. How many times is Sara going to go to the gym next week?

3. When is Sara going to have a party?

4. Who is Sara going to see a movie with?

5. When is Sara going to have dinner with her parents?

6. What is Sara going to do on Saturday before her party?

7. What is Sara going to do during the day on Thursday?

8. How many times is Sara going to be at the grocery store next week?

Future Tense with “Going To” – Discussing Future Plans

Choose the correct word from the list below to complete the following sentences. Use the correct form of the future tense with “going to”.

hang / wear / practice / get / ask / visit / write / clean / study / exchange / quit / take / give / fix

ex. My brother sent me a letter last week. I'm going to write him back tomorrow.

1. My house is very dirty. I _____ it tomorrow.
2. Miriam is going to a party next Saturday. She _____ her new red dress.
3. Robert bought a new painting at the art show. He _____ it over the sofa in his living room.
4. The hockey championship is next month. The boys _____ every night next week.
5. Jack hates his job. He _____ next week.
6. We have a math exam in three days. We _____ very hard for the next few days.
7. It's very cold and rainy outside now. I _____ a nice, hot bath as soon as I get home from this soccer game.
8. Ellie has a hair appointment for this afternoon. She _____ her hair cut and colored.
9. I had a flat tire on my car yesterday. My husband _____ it later today.
10. It's our parents' anniversary tomorrow. We _____ them a gift certificate to a beautiful new restaurant.
11. Sue got a sweater from her mother-in-law for her birthday. It didn't fit, so she _____ it for a larger size.
12. Sam just got his driver's license. He _____ his father to let him borrow the car next weekend.
13. Their grandmother is in the hospital. They _____ her next weekend.

Future Tense with “Going To” – Future Plans

Read the following sentences and add another one using “going to” and your own ideas.

Ex. She has a bad toothache. She’s going to call the dentist.
or She’s going to take an aspirin.

1. He doesn’t understand the meaning of that word.

2. She wants to see the new movie but doesn’t know what time it starts.

3. Bill wants to change jobs.

4. Grandma feels very tired.

5. Carla is baking a cake and just ran out of sugar.

6. Howard needs to mail a package.

7. Rhonda and Murray are thinking about taking a holiday but don’t know where to go.

8. Someone stole our car last night.

9. Margaret gained ten pounds in the past month.

Future Tense with “Going To” – Making Predictions

What’s Going to Happen?

Directions: Match the sentences on the left with the words on the right. Then write the complete sentences below using the future tense.

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| <u> D </u> 1. I didn’t study for the test. | A. take the next plane |
| <u> </u> 2. He’s driving too fast. | B. have a backache |
| <u> </u> 3. Frank always eats too much. | C. rain |
| <u> </u> 4. He forgot to return his books to the library. | D. fail |
| <u> </u> 5. There are large black clouds in the sky. | E. call a service station |
| <u> </u> 6. Mr. and Mrs. Manning missed their flight. | F. get a stomachache |
| <u> </u> 7. Phillip has a fever. | G. sink |
| <u> </u> 8. Ellen and Bob are buying a lot of food and wine. | H. have an accident |
| <u> </u> 9. Marie is lifting very heavy boxes. | I. take an aspirin |
| <u> </u> 10. The boat is full of water. | J. break her leg |
| <u> </u> 11. John just ate four big hamburgers. | K. have a party |
| <u> </u> 12. Kristin is a terrible skier. | L. get fat |
| <u> </u> 13. Her car broke down. | M. have to pay a fine |

1. I didn’t study for the test. I’m going to fail. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

Future Tense with “Will”

A. Note: We use “will” for future actions when we decide to do something at the time of speaking. (Do not use “will” to express future plans that have already been made at the time of speaking.)

ex. It’s very hot in here.

Okay. I’ll open the window.

I’m going to travel to Europe next summer.

(plan has already been made)

Complete the following sentences with will (I’ll) and the correct verb from the list below.

call / have / water / walk / mail / go

1. Would you like tea or coffee?

_____ tea, please.

2. Would you like a ride home?

No thanks. It’s a beautiful day. I think _____ home.

3. We’re out of milk and I need some for the children.

Okay. _____ to the store and get some.

4. I just finished writing my brother a letter. Are you going to the post office now?

No, I’m not. _____ it for you in the morning.

5. These flowers look very dry.

Okay. _____ them in a few minutes.

6. Ken phoned while you were out.

Okay. _____ him back after I finish my lunch.

B. We often use “will” for future predictions when we use the word “probably”.

For each of the situations below, predict something that will probably happen or something that will probably not happen.

Ex. Bob is going to take his driver’s test tomorrow. He didn’t practice.

He’ll probably fail. or He probably won’t pass.

1. It’s raining. George doesn’t have an umbrella. _____

2. Andy has a very bad cold. _____

3. Nora didn’t sleep well last night. _____

4. Phil loves movies. There is a new movie playing at the theater tonight. _____

5. Jan ate too much dessert last night and now she has a stomachache. _____

Future – “Going To” and “Will” – Yes/No and Information Questions**A. Practice making questions and giving short answers in the future tense.**Ex. Are you going to buy a new car?Yes, I am. (I'm going to buy a new car.)1. _____
_____ (I'm not going to call him back this afternoon.)2. _____
_____ (They won't be at school tomorrow.)3. _____
_____ (They are going to play soccer next week.)4. _____
_____ (We're going to visit our aunt next summer.)5. _____
_____ (He is going to graduate next spring.)**B. Use the correct question word (who, what, how old, where, why,) and the future tense to make information questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.**1. _____
She is going to wear her new blue dress to the party.2. _____
He'll be 21 on his next birthday.3. _____
I'm going to take my umbrella because it looks like it's going to rain.4. _____
They're going to meet on the corner.5. _____
The boss is going to be at the meeting.

Future Tense – “Going To” Vs. “Will”

Review the different uses of “going to” and “will” below before completing the exercise that follows.

Going to	Will
future facts He's <u>going to be</u> 50 next spring.	future facts He'll <u>be</u> 50 next spring.
predictions We're <u>going to miss</u> the bus.	predictions We'll <u>miss</u> the bus if we don't hurry.
predictions when there is something in the present that indicates what will happen in the future Look at the sky. <u>There's going to be</u> a storm.	often used with the following words: <i>probably, I think, I don't think, I'm sure, maybe</i> <u>He'll probably stay</u> home tonight. <u>I think I'll go</u> to bed early. <u>I don't think I'll go</u> to the movie. <u>I'm sure I'll like</u> his new girlfriend. What are you going to do next year? I'm not sure. <u>Maybe I'll take</u> a trip.
preconceived plans, arrangements He needs some tools. <u>He's going to fix</u> the car.	used when we decide to do something at the time of speaking Would you like tea or coffee? <u>I'll have</u> tea, please.
	used for offers, requests, promises <u>I'll help you</u> carry those heavy bags. <u>Will you please lock</u> the door? <u>I promise I'll call</u> when we get there.
	agreeing or refusing to do something I'm mad at Bob. <u>I won't help</u> him.

Directions: Complete the following sentences using the correct form of “going to” or “will” with the verb provided. Be prepared to explain the reason for your choice. (Remember that sometimes you can use either “going to” or “will”.)

1. Sam feels sick. He _____ (stay) home from work tomorrow.
2. I _____ (finish) my homework later tonight.
3. I left my wallet at home. That’s okay. I _____ (lend) you some money.
4. The sky is very dark. It _____ (rain).
5. What time _____ he _____ (meet) you tomorrow?
6. Frank _____ (take) a two week holiday next year.
7. That box looks very heavy. I _____ (help) you carry it.
8. I bought some paint because I _____ (paint) my apartment.
9. He _____ (wear) a black tuxedo to the wedding. What _____ you _____ (wear)?
10. Why did you take the sugar out of the cupboard? I _____ (bake) a cake.
11. They took money out of the bank because they _____ (buy) a new TV for their daughter.
12. It’s very hot in here. I _____ (open) the window for you.
13. The weatherman says it _____ (be) a beautiful day tomorrow. I think I _____ (go) to the beach.
14. Your car engine doesn’t sound very good. It sounds like it _____ (die).
15. We probably _____ (not/go) to the party next week.
16. “Can I please talk to the manager?”
“He _____ (be) with you in a moment.”
17. The plane _____ (arrive) on time.
18. The Andersons went to the travel agent yesterday. They _____ (buy) their tickets tomorrow.
19. We _____ (see) that new movie tonight. Do you want to come with us?
20. Allan _____ (get) up early tomorrow so he can go fishing.
21. I _____ (help) you with your work tomorrow.
22. “Do you have any holiday plans?”
“Yes. We _____ (take) a Mediterranean cruise.”
23. “Ronnie can’t drive me to the airport.”
“That’s okay. I _____ (take) you.
24. I don’t think I _____ (be) able to come to your party.

Future Time in Time Clauses

Reminder: You must use the simple present tense in a future time clause. Time clauses begin with words such as *before, after, when, as soon as, until*.

Ex. I'm going to eat before I leave for work. Before I leave for work, I'm going to eat.

future tense

present tense

present tense

future tense

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb provided. Underline the time clause.

1. I'm going to eat lunch at 12:30. After I _____ (eat) lunch, I _____ (take) a nap.
2. As soon as it _____ (stop) raining, I _____ (walk) to the store.
3. I _____ (lend) you this book as soon as I _____ (finish) it.
4. As soon as the chairman _____ (arrive), everyone _____ (sit) down.
5. When the class _____ (be) over, Marilyn _____ (go) shopping.
6. They _____ (visit) many museums when they _____ (go) to Europe.
7. I _____ (finish) this letter before I _____ (buy) stamps.
8. After they _____ (do) their homework, they _____ (watch) TV.
9. She _____ (take) a hot bath as soon as she _____ (get) home.
10. I _____ (pay) you back the money I borrowed as soon as I _____ (get) my paycheck.
11. He _____ (stay) home until he _____ (feel) better.
12. We _____ (have) the birthday cake when we _____ (finish) dinner.
13. As soon as she _____ (come), we _____ (eat) dinner.
14. She _____ (iron) the clothes after she _____ (wash) them.
15. I _____ (love) you until I _____ (die).
16. I _____ (apply for) a new passport before I _____ (buy) a ticket.

Future Tense Review – Find Someone Who.....

Interview your classmates. Walk around the class and find someone

1. who is going to visit a friend tonight. _____

2. who is going to walk home from school today. _____

3. who isn't going to watch TV tonight. _____

4. who will probably leave the city this weekend. _____

5. who is going to get a hair cut this week. _____

6. who will have a birthday next month. _____

7. who thinks it'll be a nice day tomorrow. _____

8. who is going to buy a present for someone this week. _____

9. who is going to buy groceries after school today. _____

10. is going to have something to eat as soon as the class finishes. _____

Answers

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1. She's going to see the doctor on Monday morning. 2. She's going to go to the gym 3 times next week. 3. She's going to have a party on Saturday evening. 4. Sara is going to see a movie with Dave. 5. She's going to have dinner with her parents on Friday evening. 6. She's going to cook and prepare for the party. 7. During the day on Thursday she's going to attend the conference. 8. She's going to be at the grocery store once during the next week.

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1. I'm going to clean 2. she's going to wear 3. he's going to hang 4. the boys are going to practice 5. he's going to quit 6. we're going to study 7. I'm going to take 8. she's going to get 9. my husband is going to fix 10. we're going to give 11. she's going to exchange 12. he's going to ask 13. they're going to visit

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A. 1. D 2. H 3. L 4. M 5. C 6. A 7. I 8. K 9. B 10. G 11. F 12. J 13. E
B. 1. ...I'm going to fail 2. ...he's going to have an accident 3. ...he's going to get fat 4. ...he's going to have to pay a fine 5. ...it's going to rain 6.they're going to take the next plane 7. ...he's going to take an aspirin 8. ...they're going to have a party 9. ...she's going to have a backache 10.it's going to sink 11. ...he's going to get a stomachache 12. ...she's going to beak her leg 13. ...she's going to call a service stations

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A. 1. I'll have 2. I'll walk 3. I'll go 4. I'll mail 5. I'll water 6. I'll call
B. 1. He'll probably get wet. 2. He'll probably miss school. 3. She'll probably feel tired all day. 4. He'll probably go see it. 5. She probably won't have a good sleep tonight.

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A. 1. Are you going to call him back this afternoon? No, I'm not. 2. Will they be in school tomorrow? No, they won't. 3. Are they going to play soccer next week? Yes, they are. 4. Are you going to go visit your aunt next week? Yes, we are. 5. Is he going to graduate next spring? Yes, he is.
B. 1. What is she going to wear to the party? 2. How old will he be on his next birthday? 3. Why are you going to take your umbrella? 4. Where are they going to meet? 5. Who is going to be at the meeting?

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1. he's going to stay 2. I'll finish 3. I'll lend 4. It's going to rain 5. is / going to meet 6. is going to take 7. I'll help 8. I'm going to bake 9. he's going to wear / what are you going to wear? 10. I'm going to bake 11. they're going to buy 12. I'll open 13. it's going to be / I'll go 14. it's going to die 15. won't go 16. he'll be 17. will arrive 18. they're going to buy 19. we're going to get 20. is going to get 21. will help 22. we're going to take 23. will take 24. will be

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1. eat / I'm going to take 2. stops / I'm going to walk 3. I'm going to lend / finish 4. arrives / is going to sit 5. is / is going to go 6. they're going to visit / go 7. I'm going to finish / buy 8. do / they're going to watch 9. takes / she's going to get 10. I'm going to pay / get 11. he's going to stay / feels 12. we're going to have / finish 13. comes / we're going to eat 14. she's going to iron / washes 15. I'm going to love / die 16. I'm going to apply for / buy