Future Forms Worksheet: Will, Going To, Present Continuous

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Form	Example
will: instant decisions, offers, promises, opinions about the future	I'll help you. I think it'll be fine.
going to: plans and intentions, predictions from evidence	I'm going to learn Italian. It's going to rain.
present continuous: fixed arrangements (time, place, people)	I'm seeing the dentist on Friday at four.
present simple: timetables and schedules	The train leaves at 7:15.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
I will meet my boss tomorrow at nine. (arranged)	I'm meeting my boss tomorrow at nine.
The film will start at eight. (cinema schedule)	The film starts at eight.
I'm going to answer it! (the phone is ringing now)	I'll answer it!

1. Complete

Complete with will, going to, the present continuous or the present simple.

1. The bus _____ (leave) at 6:40 every morning.
2. I've decided: I _____ (look) for a new job.
3. We _____ (have) dinner with the Smiths on Saturday. It's all arranged.
4. Wait, I _____ (carry) that bag for you.
5. Look at that driver! He _____ (crash).
6. I think the new manager _____ (be) good.
7. My flight _____ (arrive) at 10 p.m. tomorrow.
8. What _____ you _____ (do) this weekend? Any plans?

2. Choose

Circle the best option.

1. I'm cold. I ('ll close / 'm closing) the window.
2. (I'm meeting / I'll meet) Ana at the station at five. We arranged it yesterday.
3. The concert (starts / is going to start) at 9 p.m.
4. She's pregnant. She ('s going to / will) have a baby in June.
5. I promise I ('ll / 'm going to) call you every day.
6. We (are moving / will move) house next week. The van is booked.
7. Don't worry, you ('ll pass / pass) the exam.
8. The museum (opens / will be opening) at ten on weekdays.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. I'll visit my grandparents this weekend. I bought the tickets last month.

2. The class will begin at 9 a.m. every Monday.

3. Are you going to help me? Yes, I help you.

4. I'm playing tennis with Tom tomorrow, I decide it now.

5. Look at the clouds. It will raining.

6. What time does your train leaves?

Writing

Write an email to a friend about your plans for next week (7 sentences). Use all four future forms at least once.

Speaking

- What are you doing this weekend? Any arrangements?
- What are you going to do differently next year?
- What do you think will change in your city in ten years?
- What time does your favourite TV programme or class start?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 leaves · 2 am going to look · 3 are having · 4 'll carry · 5 is going to crash · 6 will be · 7 arrives · 8 are … doing

2. Choose: 1 'll close · 2 I'm meeting · 3 starts · 4 's going to · 5 'll · 6 are moving · 7 'll pass · 8 opens

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 I'm going to visit / I'm visiting my grandparents this weekend. · 2 The class begins at 9 a.m. every Monday. · 3 Yes, I'll help you. · 4 I'll play tennis with Tom tomorrow; I've just decided. · 5 It's going to rain. · 6 What time does your train leave?

Writing, model answer: Hi Dan! Next week is going to be busy. On Monday I'm starting my new course; the first class begins at 6 p.m. On Wednesday I'm having lunch with my old boss. I'm going to ask her for a reference. I think the course will be hard, but useful. Are you free on Friday? I'll call you on Thursday to organise something.