The future and plans ESL lesson plan (A2)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- What are you going to do this weekend?
- Where are you going on your next holiday?
- What are you doing tomorrow?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
goal	something you want to achieve	My goal is to run a marathon.
ambition	a strong wish to do something important	Her ambition is to be a doctor.
predict	to say what will happen in the future	Nobody can predict the future.
probably	very likely	I'll probably stay at home.
maybe	possibly	Maybe I'll go to the party.
definitely	without any doubt	I'll definitely call you.
certainly	without doubt, for sure	It will certainly rain tomorrow.
decide	to choose to do something after thinking	I decided to study medicine.
make plans	to decide what you will do	We're making plans for the summer.
expect	to think something will happen	I expect to finish at six.

Grammar focus (10 min): Will: predictions, offers and instant decisions

Tomorrow is Grandma Rose's 80th birthday party. Her grandson Tom looks at the sky: "I think it'll rain." His sister Amy: "Don't worry, I'll bring the big umbrellas." Their mum: "And I won't forget the cake this time, I promise!" By the end of this lesson you can make predictions, offers, promises and quick decisions with will.

Form	Pattern	Example
Form	will / 'll + base form · won't	She'll come. She won't come. Will she come?
Prediction	I think / probably + will	I think it'll rain.
Decision now	OK, I'll...	I'll have the soup.
Offers · promises	I'll... · Shall I...? · I won't...	Shall I help? I won't tell anyone.

Watch for: ~~I will to call you later.~~ → **I'll call you later.**. No to after will.

Speaking (15 min): A letter to open in ten years

The learner says what they would write to themselves in ten years: two plans, two predictions about the world and one promise. You ask how sure they are of each one, from certain to unlikely.

Useful language

- I'm going to... / I'm planning to...
- I'm meeting... on Friday.
- by 2040 · in ten years' time · sooner or later
- I think... will... / I doubt... will...
- It's bound to... / It's unlikely to...
- I hope to... / I'd like to...

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about the future and plans using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A2 the future and plans vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

saving money · start a family · Technology · career · retire · space · electric car · get a job

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. My next car will be an _____.
2. _____ is changing very fast.
3. People will travel to _____ on vacation.
4. She wants a _____ in fashion.
5. They want to _____ soon.
6. I want to _____ in a bank.
7. My dad wants to _____ at 60.
8. I'm _____ for a car.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What do you want to do next year?
2. Are you going to study English next month?
3. Where do you want to live in the future?
4. What are you going to have for dinner tonight?
5. Who are you going to see this week?

Write

Write 80–120 words about the future and plans. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 electric car · 2 Technology · 3 space · 4 career · 5 start a family · 6 get a job · 7 retire · 8 saving money