

FUTURE TENSES When do we USE them?

Aunque a veces la diferencia de expresar el futuro en inglés depende tan solo de dónde se viva (UK,USA,...) o si se trata de comunicación oral o escrita (lo que en un periódico se expresa con WILL, en una conversación se expresa con BE GOING TO), podemos establecer unas diferencias básicas entre las 5 estructuras básicas para hablar de acciones futuras en inglés:

	Present Continuous with Future Meaning: be + V(ing)	Be going to	Simple Future: Will/Won't	Present Simple	Perfect Future: Will have + p. participle
Future actions or facts happen without the speaker's intention			•		
General Prediction		Prediction that something is going to happen in the future. It is a logical consequence based on present evidences.	Prediction based on a personal opinion, we usually start by saying.... <i>I think/I don't think/ I predict/Do you think?...</i>		
Decision Plans Intentions	A decision or future PLAN taken by the speaker before the moment of speaking. Always with a Future Time Expression.	A decision or future PLAN made before the moment of speaking. It expresses the idea that a person intends to do something in the future.	A decision taken at the moment of speaking. Spontaneous decision or voluntary action: I'll do it/I'll get it/ I'll go and (v)..		
Promise			•		
Polite Request			You ask somebody to do something for you: <i>Will you...?</i>		
1 st Conditional			It is used in the main clause (Present Simple in the If-clause)		
Timetables and Schedules				•	
Actions which will be finished at a certain time in the future but we don't know exactly when.					•

How do we form them?

	STRUCTURE	EXAMPLES	MEANING	WHAT WE EXPRESS...
PRESENT CONTINUO 1°,2°,3°,4° ESO	I am chatting I am not chatting Are you chatting? Yes, I am/No, I am not	Sarah is leaving tonight. Are you buying new furniture next week?	Sara se va a ir esta noche. ¿Vas a comprar muebles nuevos la semana que viene?	Fixed plans in a near future. <i>There must be a TIME EXPRESSION.</i>
BE GOING TO 2°,3°,4° ESO	I am going to chat I am not going to chat Are you going to chat? Yes, I am/No, I am not	We've run out of milk/ I know, I'm going to buy some. Look at those clouds! It is going to rain.	Nos hemos quedado sin leche/ Lo sé, voy a ir a comprarla. ¡Mira esas nubes! Va a llover.	A decisión or future plan made before the moment of speaking. Prediction: You are certain that something is going to happen in the future. It is a logical consequence based on present evidences.
WILL + BASE FORM 3°,4° ESO	I will chat I won't chat Will you chat? Yes, I will/ No, I won't	I'm hungry/I'll bring you a piece of cake. I think /I don't think that Sandra will probably come in time	Tengo hambre/ te traeré un trozo de tarta. Creo/no creo que Sandra probablemente llegará a tiempo.	A decision taken at the moment of speaking. Spontaneous offering. Prediction based on an opinion: I think/ I don't think....(we can use expressions such as "definitely, probably"..)

		<p>In ten years, I'll be 26.// The sun will rise at 7 am.</p> <p>Will you help me?</p> <p>I will send you a copy of the report this very morning.</p> <p>Next train will leave at 7,00.</p>	<p>Dentro de 10 años tendré 26.//El sol saldrá a las 7.</p> <p>¿Me ayudas?</p> <p>Te mandaré una copia del informe esta misma mañana.</p> <p>El próximo tren saldrá a las 7,00.</p>	<p>Future actions or facts happen without the speaker's intention.</p> <p>Requests asking a person to do something for us.</p> <p>Promises</p> <p>Timetables (+)</p>
<p>PRESENT SIMPLE</p> <p>4º ESO</p>	<p>It leaves</p> <p>It doesn't leave</p> <p>Does it leave? Yes, It does/No, It doesn't</p>	<p>The train leaves at 8.30 pm tomorrow.</p>	<p>El tren sale mañana a las 8.30 pm.</p>	<p>Schedules and timetables.</p>
<p>FUTURE PERFECT</p> <p>4º ESO</p>	<p>I will have finished</p> <p>I won't have finished</p> <p>Will you have finished? Yes, I will/No, I won't</p>	<p>By the time Kevin reaches Spain, he will have travelled to 9 countries</p>	<p>Para cuando Kevin llegue a España, habrá viajado por nueve países.</p>	<p>Completed future action before something in the future happens.</p>