

GRAMMAR

Future tense revision → (see page 109)

1 Match the beginnings and endings of the questions.

- What will you
- 1 Will you
- 2 When are you
- 3 What are you
- 4 What time
- 5 What do you think you
- a does the train leave?
- b ~~be doing at 7 o'clock tomorrow?~~
- c will study at university?
- d meeting Mike?
- e have finished your work by 8 o'clock?
- f going to do this afternoon?

2 Match the questions in Exercise 1 with functions A-F.

- A a prediction based on personal opinion
- B an event which will be in progress at a specific future time
- C a timetable
- D an arrangement
- E a plan or intention
- F an event which will be completed before a certain time in the future

3 Choose the correct answers.

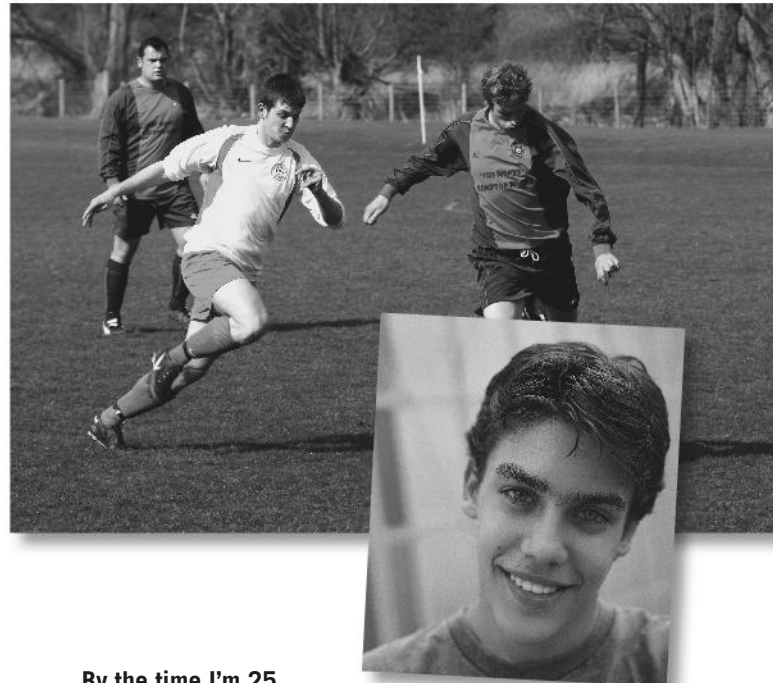
- I can't go out tonight. (I'm taking) / I'm going to take / I'll take an exam tomorrow.
- 1 A Have you seen our school's timetable yet?
B Yes, here it is. Our first lesson *will start* / *starts* / *is starting* at 9.
- 2 A *Are you doing* / *Will you do* / *Do you do* anything tonight?
B Yes, I *will have watched* / *I'm going to watch* / *I will watch* the football on TV. I've been looking forward to it for weeks.
- 3 A OK everybody. We've thought about this and we've decided that we *will have* / *are going to have* / *are having* a picnic next week. Now, we need volunteers to help us arrange everything.
B Well, *I'll buy* / *I'm buying* / *I'm going to buy* the drinks if you like.
- 4 A According to this brochure, the ferry to France *leaves* / *will have left* / *will leave* at 7 p.m.
B Seven? Good, by about ten o'clock *we'll have arrived* / *we're arriving* / *we'll be arriving* at the hotel, unpacked our bags and found somewhere to eat.

4 Put the verbs in the brackets into the correct form so that the sentences refer to the future.

When my parents arrive (arrive), I will tell (tell) them what we want to do.

- 1 As soon as we _____ (finish) the work on the pool, we _____ (have) a swim.
- 2 I think we _____ (have) a cup of tea before we _____ (start) work.
- 3 Don't worry, we _____ (not/eat) dinner until everyone _____ (be) here.

5 Paul is fifteen and is one of the best young footballers in the country. Write what he thinks will happen by the time he is twenty-five.



By the time I'm 25 ...

play for Manchester United and be their star player
I'll be playing for Manchester United and I'll be their star player.

score his first goal for England
I'll have scored my first goal for England.

1 *marry a model*

2 *earn £5 million every year*

3 *meet Lionel Messi*

4 *live in a mansion*

5 *write my first book*

6 *sign a multi-million advertising contract*

6 Choose the correct answers.

The end of reading?

'What will be the next book sensation for teenagers? Another book about vampires? Or ¹ will the future see the end of mass reading for the computer generation? Is this a problem or ² _____ just as much, if not more, from the Internet? Here is what a few young people said.

Tom, aged 14. I love books and I'll buy anything. I'm going shopping later and I ³ _____ a couple of books to take on holiday. I don't think books ⁴ _____ out. My friends all read loads.

Paula, aged 16. In three years' time, we ⁵ _____ books at all. People ⁶ _____ publishing them. Everything will be on computers. Computers are the future. I ⁷ _____ part in a computer games competition this afternoon. It ⁸ _____ at 2 o'clock so I must hurry.

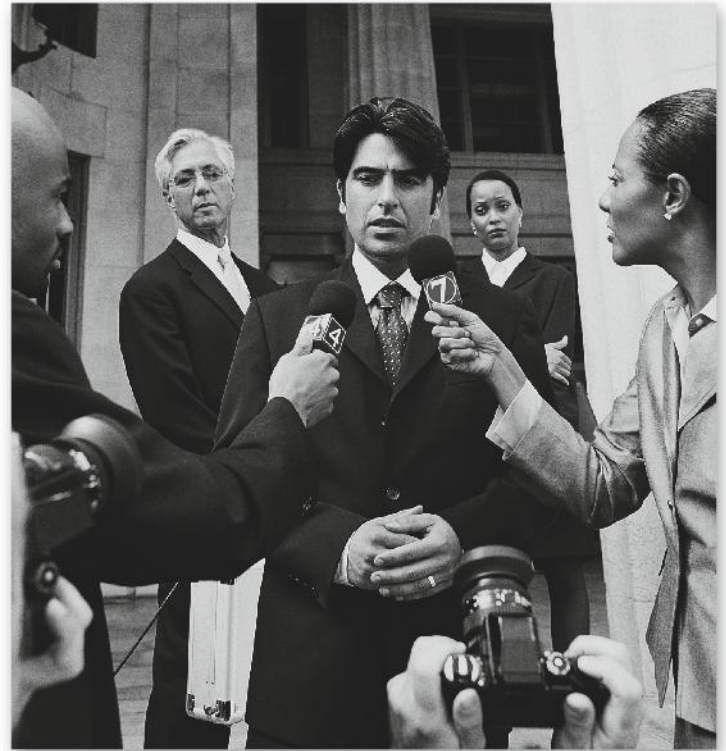
Kevin, aged 18. Why are people always worried about our generation? A hundred years ago, teenagers didn't have time to read at all, they were all out working. Mind you, I guess in 20 years' time ⁹ _____ worrying about my children's generation as well.

Sue, aged 17. English isn't in decline. It's changing. By 2050, it ¹⁰ _____ completely from what we speak today. People probably worried about Shakespeare changing English as well.

So, as you can see, there's a wide variety of opinions on the topic but one thing is for sure: when something ¹¹ _____ in society, some people will always start to worry about declining standards.

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| 1 a does | c will |
| b won't | d will have |
| 2 a are children learning | c will children learn |
| b children will learn | d will children be learning |
| 3 a will buy | c am buying |
| b buy | d am going to buy |
| 4 a will be dying | c will die |
| b are dying | d will have died |
| 5 a aren't reading | c won't be reading |
| b won't have read | d aren't going to read |
| 6 a are stopping | c will have stopped |
| b are going to stop | d will be stopping |
| 7 a take | c will have taken |
| b will take | d am taking |
| 8 a starts | c will have started |
| b will start | d does start |
| 9 a I'm going to | c I will be |
| b I will | d I will have |
| 10 a is going to change | c is changing |
| b will have changed | d will be changing |
| 11 a changes | c will have changed |
| b will change | d will be changing |

7 Complete the dialogue with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.



- A** The leader of the Forward To The Future party has just appeared and I am going to try (try) to talk to him as he walks past. Minister, Colin Sturgess, BBC. Could I ask a few questions?
- B** Certainly, but it ¹ _____ (have) to be quick.
- A** Your party is making education the big issue in the forthcoming elections. Why is that?
- B** Free education in this country is in a desperate state. By 2030, free education for all ² _____ (exist) for 150 years. We're very proud of that but we have ideas for the future.
- A** What exactly are those ideas?
- B** This time next year, the government ³ _____ (pay) £5, 000 per year per student for education. And for that, we get poor schools, low standards and overworked teachers. When we ⁴ _____ (win) the election, we ⁵ _____ (give) this money to schools directly and they ⁶ _____ (able) to decide for themselves how to spend it.
- A** So, it's just a money issue?
- B** No, not at all. There are many areas which need improving. Take exams for example. From the end of May to the middle of June, students all over the country ⁷ _____ (take) exams but they ⁸ _____ (not/know) their results until late August, by which time they ⁹ _____ (have to) wait for two months, worrying unnecessarily. I'm sorry, I have to go now.
- A** Any last words for our listeners?
- B** Yes. The election ¹⁰ _____ (take) place on June 21st. Make sure you vote for a better future for our country.