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The Future Tense



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Creative Thinking

Think of the things you want to do during your next holidays. Make a list of at least six such things.

1. I shall learn swimming.
2. I shall read story books.
3. I shall watch the football match.
4. I shall visit Udaipur in Rajasthan.
5. I shall go on a picnic with my family.
6. I shall attend music classes.



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Simple Future Tense

Notice the verbs in these sentences.

- Rania **will swim** with her friend.
- I **shall swim** with Rania.

The verbs in the sentences are in the simple future tense. A verb that talks about an action that will take place in the future is said to be in the **simple future tense**.

simple future

talks about

an event that is yet to happen/will happen in the very near future/will become a regular phenomenon

- Rania **will swim** with her friend.

the possible outcome of an action

- If she is free, Rania **will swim** with her friend.

Look at the ways to form the simple future tense.

shall/will + the root form of the verb

- Rania will swim with her friend.

shall/will + not + the root form of the verb (negative)

- Rania will not swim with her friend.

shall/will + the subject + the root form of the verb (interrogative)

- Will Rania swim with her friend?

shall	will
used with I and we	used with she, he, they, it and nouns
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I shall eat that entire pizza.• We shall eat biryani to celebrate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• She will capture the dragon.• Sunny will land on Mars tomorrow.

PRACTISE

A. Complete the paragraph using the simple future forms of the verbs in the brackets.

I shall plant (plant) more trees. I shall make (make) my planet greener. You will help (help), won't you? Mother will give (give) us seeds, but we will prepare (prepare) the soil together. We shall watch (watch) the seeds grow into big trees. Birds will be (be) building nests on the branches. Flowers will bloom (bloom) all over. My teacher said that this will make (make) the Earth a happier place. Slowly, more people will join (join) us, won't they?



B. Complete the sentences with the simple future forms of the verbs in the brackets.

- I. I am afraid I shall not be (not be) able to go to school tomorrow.

2. Since it is raining heavily, the meeting will not take (not take) place today.
3. According to the teacher, she will not pass (not pass) the examination.
4. If it gets dark, we shall not go (not go) to the beach.
5. She will clean her room because her mother will not do (not do) it.

c. Complete the sentences with verbs in the brackets in the simple future tense.



1. Will our team win (win) the match?
2. When will you arrive (arrive) in Australia?
3. Will it rain (rain) today?
4. Will the principal call (call) her parents?
5. Will you pass (pass) me the glass of water?

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Future Continuous Tense

Look at the following sentences.

- Rania **will be swimming** with her friend.
- I **shall be swimming** with Rania.

The verbs in the sentences above are in the **future continuous tense**.

We use the future continuous tense to:

- talk about an action that will be going on at some point of time in the future
Rania **will be swimming** at 4.00 p.m.
- talk about actions in the future that are already planned or expected to happen in the normal course of things

The train **will be departing** shortly.

Forming future continuous tense: **will/shall + be + -ing form of the verb**

- read – will/shall be reading
- write – will/shall be writing

PRACTISE

D. Complete the sentences with verbs in the future continuous tense. Use the verbs given in the brackets.

1. The train will be arriving (arrive) at the station in an hour.
2. The teacher will be beginning (begin) her classes soon.
3. It will be raining (rain) tomorrow.
4. Nidhi will be coming (come) to the showroom this evening.
5. They will be swimming (swim) in the evenings this summer.
6. Amanda will be baking (bake) a cake for her grandmother.
7. We will be going (go) to New York this summer.
8. I shall/will be helping (help) my friend with her homework.
9. Everyone knows that Rashi will be performing (perform) in the play next week.
10. The children will be attending (attend) the summer camp next year.



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Read the sentences given below.

- It **is going to rain** soon.
- I **am going to miss** the train.

We use **is/am/are + going to + root form of the verb** to show:

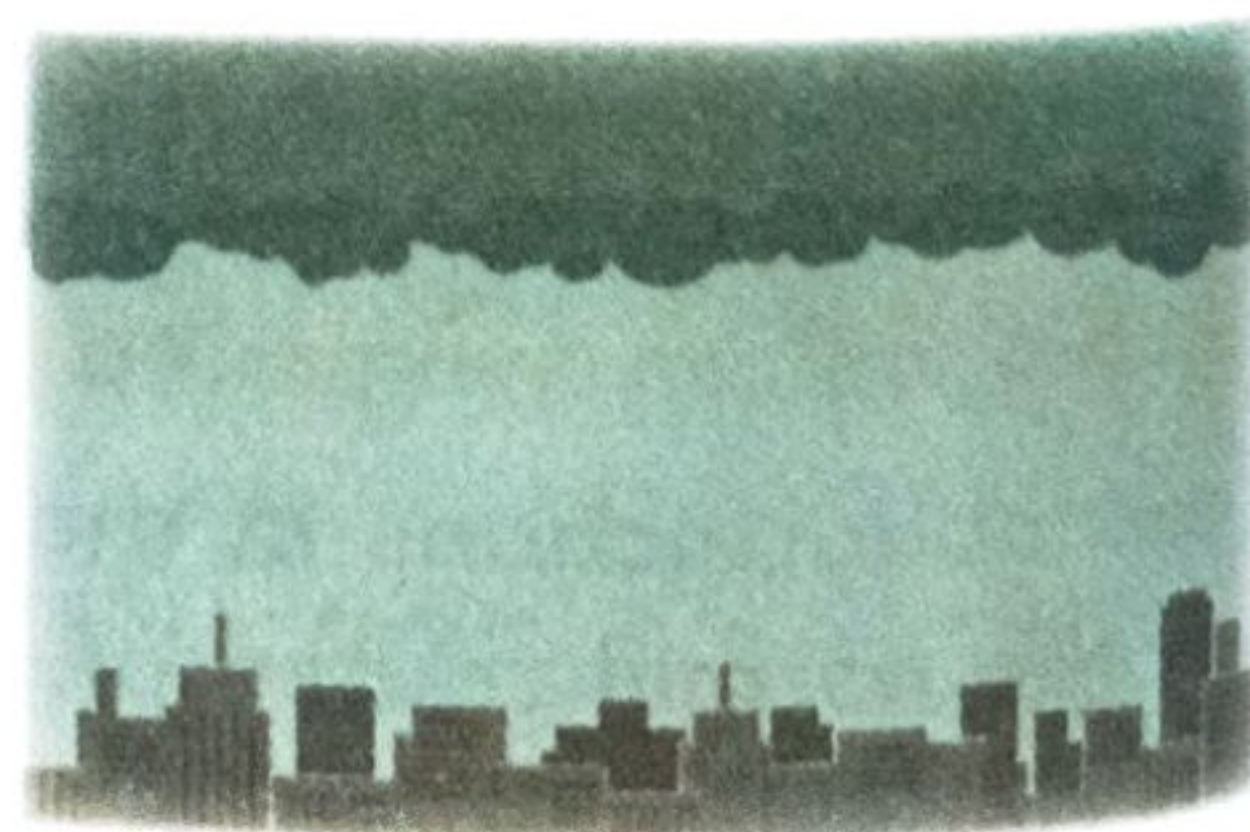
- an action that one has decided to do before speaking.

It is going to rain soon. (the subject has decided that it will rain)

- an action that we expect is going to happen

I am going to miss the train. (the subject expects that they will miss the train)

The Going To Form



PRACTISE



E. Rewrite these sentences using the 'going to' form of the verb. Make the necessary changes.

1. I boarded the bus to Goa.

I am going to board the bus to Goa.

2. The gardener mows the grass.

The gardener is going to mow the grass.

3. Surbhi hiked up the mountain.

Surbhi is going to hike ^{up} the mountains.

4. Grandma visits us today.

Grandma is going to visit us today.

5. Pallab played the piano at the concert.

Pallab is going to play the piano at the concert.



6. The restaurant serves lunch at 12 o'clock.

The restaurant is going to serve lunch at 12 o'clock.

7. Shambu performed in the play.

Shambu is going to perform in the play.

8. He participated in the art exhibition organised by his friend.

He is going to participate in the art exhibition organised by his friend.

9. The train reached the station soon.

The train is going to reach the station on the time.

PLAY



Critical Thinking



Creative Thinking



Vocational Skills



Leadership Skills

I. Write a short paragraph in the simple future tense discussing the things you want to do when you grow up.

