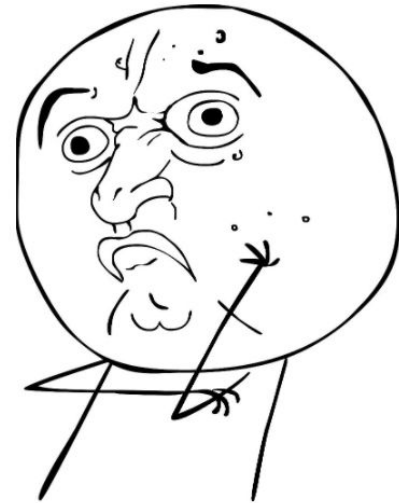


Let's talk about  
FUTURE tenses!



# Future Tenses

Future  
Simple

will  $V_1$

Future  
Continuous

will be  $V_{ing}$

Future  
Perfect

will have  $V_{ed}$

Future  
Perfect  
Continuous

will have  
been  $V_{ing}$

## Expressing Future

be going to

am is are

Present  
Simple

$V/V-s/-es$

Present  
Continuous

am/is/are  $V_{ing}$

Time expressions

# Future Simple

Time words

is used for...

predictions for the future (hope, think, believe, expect, imagine, I'm sure, I'm afraid)

promises

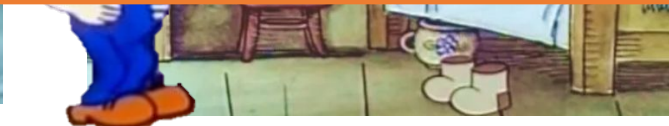
on-the-spot decisions

I promise I'll help to tidy your house.

It's cold here. I'll close the window.

I think she'll change her mind.

Tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, next week/month/year, tonight, soon, in a week/month/year, etc.



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# Future Continuous

is used for...

actions which will be in progress at a stated future time

This time next week I'll be sunbathing in Barbados.



actions which will definitely happen in the future as a result of a routine or arrangement

She will be driving to Cheshire tonight.



when we ask politely about someone's plans for the near future

Will you be watching the show tonight?



## Time expressions

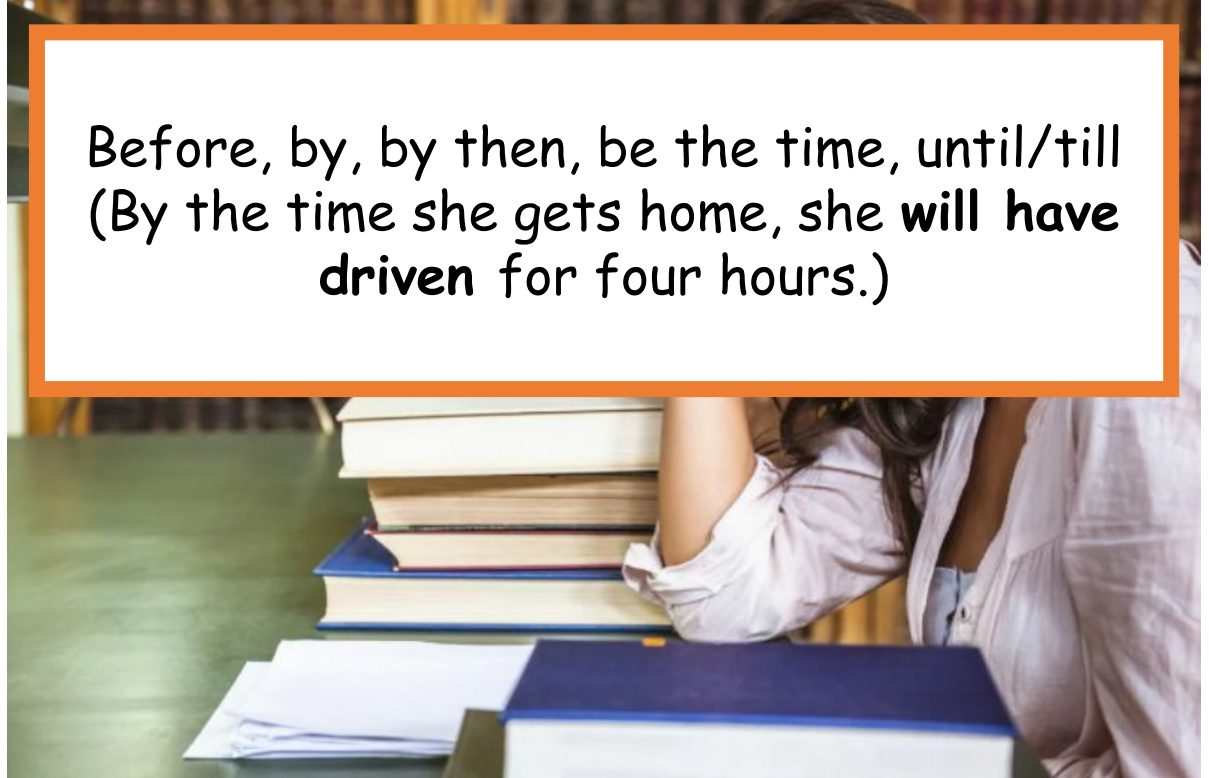
# Future Perfect

is used for...

An action which will be finished before a stated future time.

She **will have written** her essay by 7 o'clock.

Before, by, by then, be the time, until/till  
(By the time she gets home, she **will have driven** for four hours.)



# Future Perfect Continuous

is used for...

duration of an action up to a certain time in the future

By the end of this year she **will have been working** here for two years.

By the next year he **will have been working** here for two years.



# Be going to

is used for...

things already decided in the near future

He is going to fly to Rome tomorrow.



intention

He likes acting.  
He is going to be an actor.



when there is evidence that sth will definitely happen

Watch out!  
You're going to fall over.



when we talk about things we are sure about

We are going to build a bridge here. (It has been decided)



# Present Simple VS Present Continuous

is used for...

1 permanent situations

He **works** in an office.

2 repeated actions in the present, especially with adverbs of frequency

He often **buys** her flowers.

3 timetables or programmes

The lesson **starts** at 10 o'clock.

4

facts which are permanently true

The sun **sets** in the west.





# Present Simple VS Present Continuous

1

temporary  
situations

He's **staying** with  
some friends at the

2

actions happening at  
or around the time  
of speaking

He's **looking** for a  
new job at the

3

with always to  
express annoyance  
or criticism

He's **always** **telling**  
lies!

4

fixed arrangements  
in the near future

I'm **flying** to London  
tomorrow.

is used for...



# What tense are the verb forms in bold? Match them to the uses.

- 1 I'm tired. I think I'll **go** to bed.
- 2 I'm **moving** house tomorrow.
- 3 I'll **help** you write your CV.
- 4 Look at the traffic – I'm **going to be** late for work again!
- 5 I'm **going to** buy Jessie a puppy for her birthday.
- 6 Enter the competition. I think you'll **do** really well!
- 7 This time next week, I'll **be sunbathing**.
- 8 I'll **have cooked** dinner by the time you come back.

- a on-the-spot decision
- b promise/threat
- c prediction based on what we see/know
- d plan/intention
- e fixed arrangement
- f prediction based on what we think/ believe will happen
- g an action finished before a certain action in the future
- h an action in progress at a stated future time

1 - **a** Future Simple

2 - **e** Present Continuous

3 - **b** Future Simple

4 - **c** "To be going to"

5 - **d** Present Continuous

6 - **f** Future Simple

7 - **h** Future Continuous

8 - **g** Future Perfect

Choose the correct form. Give reasons.



The phone's ringing!

On-the-spot  
decision



It's OK. **I'll**'m going to  
answer it!



I'm **meeting**/I'm going to meet some friends in town.

Fixed  
arrangements

What are you doing this afternoon, Kate?



Look at this mess!

Don't worry, I'm going to /I'll clean it up.

Plan/intention



Oh dear! He'll's going to fall in!

Look at the little boy by the pool.

Prediction based on what we see/know



There's no milk left.




That's OK. ~~I'll~~'m going to go and buy some.

On-the-spot  
decision



Yes, it'll **'s going to** be fantastic!

Have you got tickets for the music festival?

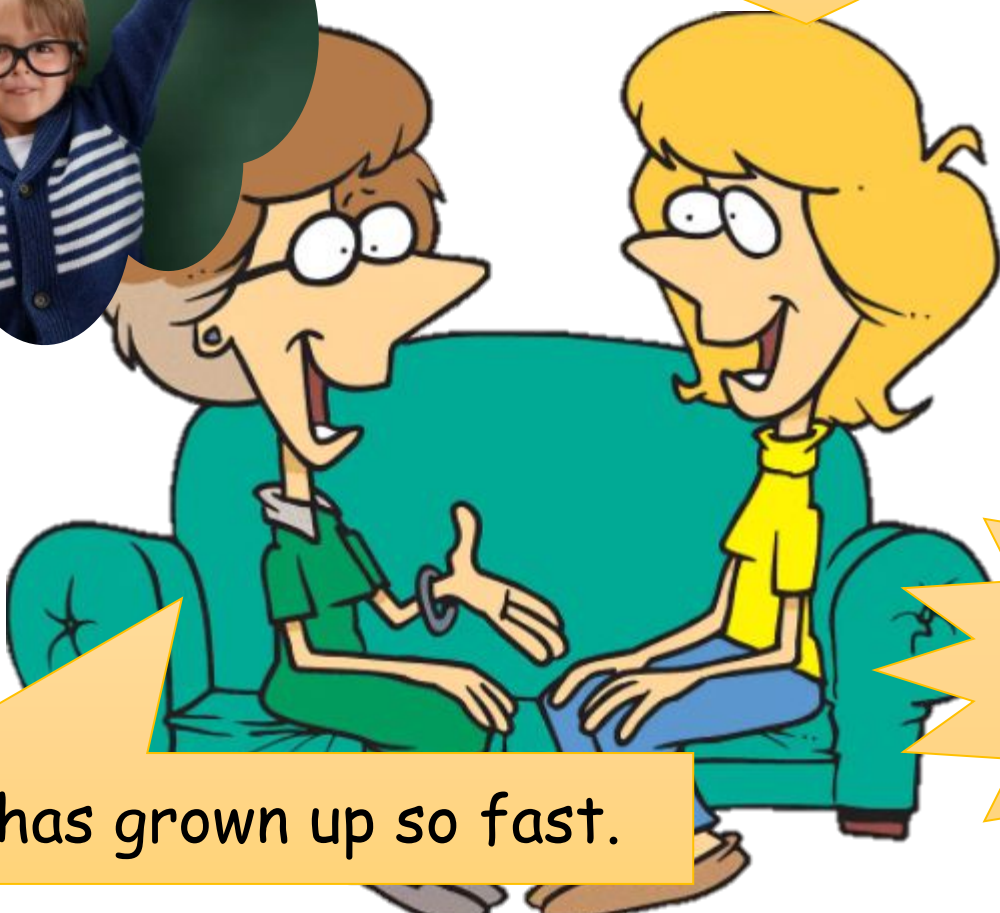


We talk about things we are sure about





Yes. This time next year he'll be starting's going to start high school.



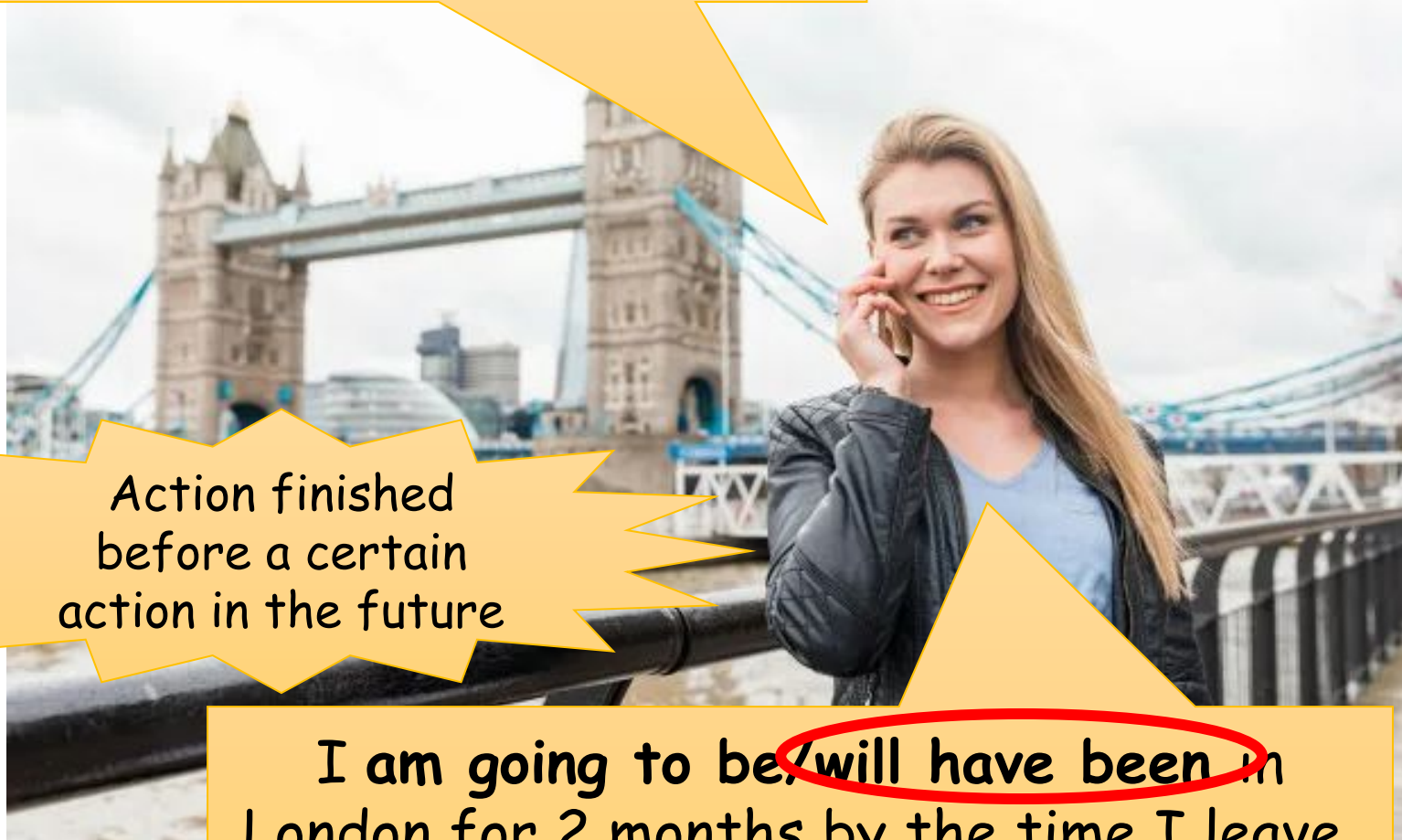
John has grown up so fast.

Action in progress at a stated future time

How long are you staying in London?

Action finished  
before a certain  
action in the future

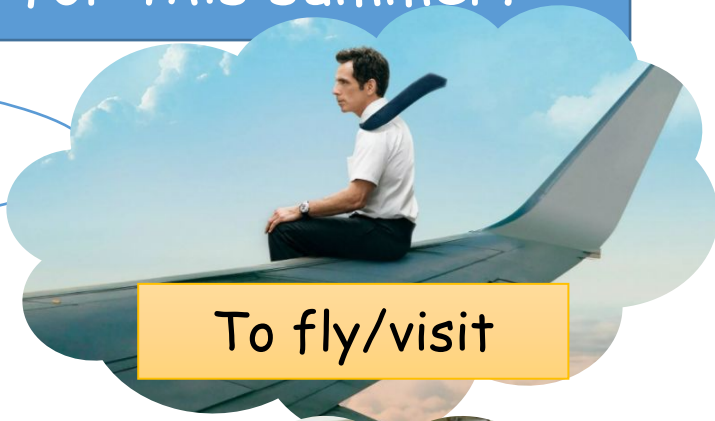
I am going to be/will have been in  
London for 2 months by the time I leave.



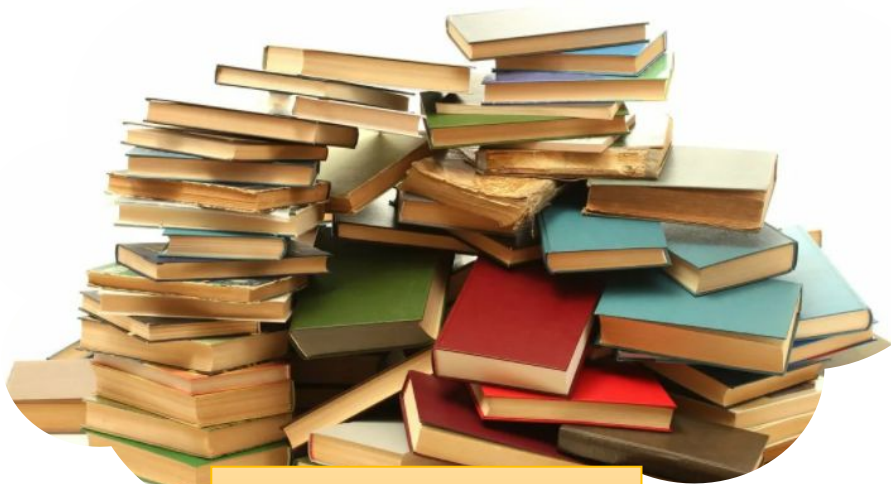
Answer the question, as in the example.

What are your holiday plans for this summer?

I'm going to spend August  
at a summer camp.



To fly/visit



To read a lot



To move

# What are you doing this weekend?

I'm going to see my grandparents.



To meet with friends



To go shopping



To watch TV



To procrastinate

What will you have done by the end of this year?

I'll have taken all my exams.



To attend a concert



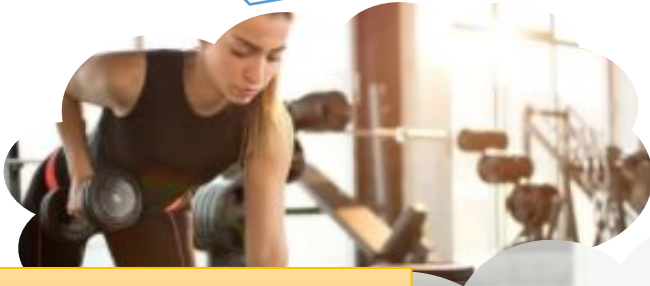
To be a blogger



To be an investor

What will you be doing this time next Saturday?

I will be relaxing on the beach.



To work out



To drink coffee



To learn how to invest



To run in the field