

Talking about the future

1. We use the **present simple** for something **scheduled**: **timetables**

(ωρολόγια προγράμματα)

*We **have** a lesson next Monday.*

*The train **arrives** at 6.30 in the morning.*

*The holidays **start** next week.*

2. We can use the **present continuous** for **plans or arrangements**: (κάτι προγραμματισμένο να συμβεί στο σύντομο μέλλον και ξέρουμε όλες τις λεπτομέρειες)

*I'm **playing** football tomorrow.*

*They **are coming** to see us tomorrow.*

*We're **having** a party at Christmas.*

3. We use **be going to**:

- to talk about **plans or intentions**: (εκφράζουμε την πρόθεσή μας)

*I'm **going to drive** to work today.*

*They **are going to move** to Manchester.*

- to make **predictions** based on **evidence** we can see: (υπάρχει ένδειξη ότι θα συμβεί κάτι)

*Be careful! You **are going to fall**. (= I can see that you might fall.)*

*Look at those black clouds. I think **it's going to rain**.*

4. We use **will**:

- when we express beliefs about the future: (απόψεις, πεποιθήσεις)

*It **will be** a nice day tomorrow.*

*I think Brazil **will win** the World Cup.*

*I'm sure you **will enjoy** the film.*

- to **make offers and promises** : (προσφορές, υποσχέσεις)

*I'**ll** see you tomorrow.*

*We'**ll** send you an email.*

- to **talk about on- the- spot decisions** : (απόφαση απρογραμμάτιστη, της στιγμής που μιλάμε)

*The phone is ringing. "I **will answer it**"*

5. We use **will be with an -ing form** for something happening before and after **a specific time in the future**: (κάτι που θα βρίσκεται σε εξέλιξη σε συγκεκριμένο χρονικό σημείο στο μέλλον)

*I'll be working **at eight o'clock**. Can you come later?
They'll be waiting for you **when you arrive**.*

The future in time clauses and *if*-clauses

In time clauses with words like ***when, after, until*** we often use **present tense forms** to talk about the future: (χρονικές προτάσεις)

*I'll come home ***when I finish*** work. ***But*** ***When will you come?***
You must wait here until your father comes.
They are coming after they have had dinner.*

In clauses with ***if*** we often use **present tense forms** to talk about the future: (υποθετικές προτάσεις)

If Barcelona lose tomorrow, they will be champions. (NOT ~~will lose~~)
We won't be able to go out if it rains. (NOT ~~will rain~~)