

Talking about the future

<p style="text-align: center;">Present simple</p> <p>Timetabled events, e.g. TV programme or train departure (timetabled future)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„The hair salon opens at 8 o'clock.“</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Present continuous</p> <p>Personal arrangements (diary future)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I am getting my hair cut next week.“</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Going to + infinitive</p> <p>Predictions (when you can see the evidence)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„Look at the clouds. It's going to rain.“</i></p> <p>Decisions already made</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I'm going to get my hair cut.“</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Will + infinitive</p> <p>Predictions (based on no evidence)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I think it will rain in a few days.“</i></p> <p>Decisions made at the time of speaking (spontaneous)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>„I will get my hair cut.“</i></p>

① **Talk for a minute about each of the following, using the correct future tense. You may also write down one example sentence for each:**

- 1) Your arrangements for this evening.

- 2) Your intentions for the rest of the year.

- 3) Your predictions for the planet for 2050.



Predictions

Predictions can be based on **evidence** or **no evidence**.

When talking about your predictions for the planet for 2050, you can use both will-future or going-to future, depending on whether there is evidence or not.

E.g.:

I think there will be flying cars in 2050.

Scientists say that Venice is going to be flooded by 2050. (Wissenschaftler haben Beweise dafür.)

arrangement = Vereinbarung
intention = Absicht
prediction = Vorhersage
evidence = Beweis/Hinweis