

Talking about the future

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

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