**Talking about the future**

When we **know about the future**, we normally use the **present tense**.

1. We use the [**present simple**](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/node/1400) for something **scheduled**:

We **have** a lesson next Monday.The train **arrives** at 6.30 in the morning.The holidays **start**next week.It**'s** my birthday tomorrow.

2. We can use the [**present continuous**](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/node/1401) for **plans or arrangements**:

I**'m playing** football tomorrow.They **are coming** to see us tomorrow.We**'re having** a party at Christmas.

3. We use [**will**](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/node/10380):

* when we express beliefs about the future:

It **will be** a nice day tomorrow.I think Brazil **will win**the World Cup.I'm sure you **will enjoy** the film.

* to mean **want to** or **be willing to**:

I hope you **will come** to my party.George says he **will help** us.

* to **make offers and promises** :

I**'ll**see you tomorrow.We**'ll send** you an email.

* to **talk about offers and promises**:

Tim **will be**at the meeting.Mary **will help** with the cooking.

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

* to talk about **plans or intentions**:

I**'m going to drive** to work today.They **are going to move** to Manchester.

* to make **predictions** based on **evidence** we can see:

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**. (= I can see that it will rain.)