

WILL

PREDICTIVE FUTURE

E.g. I`ll be late home this evening.

KNOWN FACTS

E.g. The company will make a profit next year.

ASSUMPTION (SUPPOSITION)

E.g. That`ll be Jim at the door.

IMMEDIATE DECISION

E.g. I`ll take this one to gift her.

GOING TO

DISTANT POINT IN THE FUTURE

E.g. *I`m still too young. But I`m **going to** have a baby when I find Mr. Right.*

INTENTIONS/PLANS

E.g. *I`m **going to** wait here untill Carol gets back.*

PRESENT OR EVIDENT CAUSE

E.g. *Look at that tree! It`s **going to** fall.*

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

ARRANGEMENTS

E.g. I`m meeting Peter tonight.

E.g. She`s taking the bus at 5:00.

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

FUTURE POINT

E.g. Come up in the morning. I`ll be painting the kitchen.

EVENTS WHICH ARE GOING TO HAPPEN ANYWAY

E.g. I won`t bother to fix a time to see you, because I`ll be calling into the office anyway several times next week.

BEING MORE POLITE

E.g. Will you be going to the shops later? If you go, could you get me some potatoes?

FIXED ARRANGEMENTS AND PLANS

E.g. The band will be performing live in Paris this summer.

FUTURE PERFECT (SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS)

LOOKING BACK FROM A FUTURE POINT

*E.g. In two years` time, I`ll **have finished** this book.*

*E.g. By the end of the month, I`ll **have been working** for this firm for a year.*

IS/ARE TO BE

FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS

*E.g. All students **are to** assemble in the hall at 9:00.*

BE ABOUT TO/BE ON THE POINT OF

REFERRING TO THE NEXT MOMENT

*E.g. I think the play **is about to** start now.*

*E.g. Mary is **on the point of** resigning.*

BE DUE TO

SCHEDULED TIMES

*E.g. The play **is due (to start)** at 8:00.*

PRESENT SIMPLE

FUTURE TIME CLAUSES

*E.g. When we **get** there, we`ll have dinner.*

EVENTS WHICH ARE NOT SIMPLY THE WHISHES OF THE SPEAKER

*E.g. Tom **retires** in three years.*

CALENDAR REFERENCES

*E.g. Christmas **is** on a Tuesday next year.*

*E.g. It`s all go - next week I **have** my operation, then the week after that I **go** on holiday...*

PRESENT PERFECT

EMPHASISING THE COMPLETION OF THE EVENT

*E.g. When we **ve had** a rest, we'll go out.*

HOPE

PRESENT

*E.g. I hope it **doesn't** rain.*

FUTURE

*E.g. I hope it **won't** rain.*

OTHER VERBS FOLLOWED BY WILL

MOST VERBS OF THINKING (think, believe, expect, doubt)

*E.g. I **expect** the train **will** be late.*

*E.g. I **doubt** whether United **will** win.*

JUST/JUST ABOUT TO

DESCRIBING SOMETHING ON THE POINT OF HAPPENING

*E.g. Hurry up! The train is **just** leaving!*

*E.g. Hurry up! The train is **just about to** leave!*