

Future tenses

Das will-future

I will go.

I won't go.

Will I go?

für Vermutungen, Hoffnungen/Befürchtungen, Dinge, auf die man keinen Einfluss hat, spontane Entscheidungen.

He is afraid that his parents will split up. (Er befürchtet es, aber es gibt noch keinen Plan.)

SIGNALWÖRTER: be afraid, hope, think, guess, probably, maybe ...

Das going-to-future

I'm going to go.

I'm not going to go.

Am I going to go?

Für Pläne und für Ereignisse, die man schon absehen kann.

His parents are going to split up. (= Die Scheidung ist schon geplant.)

Look at the clouds. It's going to rain. (= Die Wolken sind ein sicheres Anzeichen für den Regen.)

Das present progressive

I'm going.

I'm not going.

Am I going?

Für feste Pläne mit Zeitangabe.

We're meeting at the cinema tomorrow.

Das simple present

I go.

I don't go.

Do I go?

Für Zeit-, Abfahrts- und Stundenpläne.

The train leaves at 9.30.

The meeting starts at 5.

EXERCISE 1 Will-future. Entscheide, warum in diesen Sätzen das will-future gebraucht wird. Handelt es sich um eine Vermutung / Vorhersage (1), eine Hoffnung oder Befürchtung (2), etwas, auf das man keinen Einfluss hat (3) oder einen spontane Entschluss (4)? Markiere jeweils das Signalwort.

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b) He hopes you'll come to his birthday party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) I'm a bit hungry. I'll buy a chocolate bar at the cafeteria.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Our teacher believes that the new school books will be expensive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) I'm afraid that I won't pass the test.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Maybe she'll help you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) There will be a lunar eclipse ¹ next week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Please send me a postcard from New York! – Yes, I'll do that.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ lunar eclipse: dt. Mondfinsternis

EXERCISE 2 Setze die richtige Zeit ein.

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- b) Next year we _____ (spend) the holidays in Turkey.
We've already booked our flights and the hotel.
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- h) I heard you've dropped out of university. What _____ (do) now? – Well, I'm not sure yet. Perhaps _____ (take) a year off and travel the world. Anyway, I _____ (meet) a career advisor on Tuesday. Maybe she _____ (give) me some good ideas.
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- m) Kendra has been practicing for this competition day and night, and her competitors aren't half as good as her. She _____ (win)!
- n) Our English class _____ (start) at 12 o'clock and _____ (not end) until 2. 30.
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Lösungen

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