

# Future Forms

# Be (am/is/are) + going to + infinitive

- Use *going to* **NOT** *will /won't* when you have already decided to do something.

❖ for future plans and intentions

My sister **is going to adopt** a child.

**Are you going to buy** a new car?

❖ for predictions

I think they **are going to win**. (They are playing very well.)

**It's going to rain**. (The sky is very dark.)

- With the verb *go* you can leave out the infinitive.

I **am not going to** ~~(go to)~~ New York next week.

# Present continuous

be (am/is/are) + verb + - ing

- Future arrangements

We **are getting** married in October.

They **are meeting** at 10:00.

She **is leaving** on Friday.

- You can usually use present continuous or *going to* for future plans / arrangements.

➤ *going to* shows that you have made a decision.

We **are going to get married** in summer.

➤ Present continuous emphasizes that you have made the arrangements.

We **are getting** married on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

(we have booked the hotel)

# Will / shall + infinitive

- Use *will/won't* (NOT the present simple) for instant decisions, promises, offers and suggestions.

I **will have** the steak. (instant decision)

I **won't tell** anybody where you are. (promise)

I'll **carry** that bag for you. (offer)

- Use *shall* (**NOT will**) with *I* and *we* for offers and suggestions when they are questions.

**Shall I help** you with your homework? (offer)

**Shall we eat out** tonight? (suggestions )

Complete the sentences with the correct form for each verb in brackets.

1. Don't worry about the drinks. I ..... for them.(pay)
2. I ..... a cake for your mum's birthday, if you want.  
(make)
3. I ..... lunch with my sister at 1.00 today. (have)
4. We know that Karl ..... us! He's always giving us extra work to do. (hate)
5. Maria ..... a new car tomorrow. (buy)
6. I ..... a lot more sleep at the moment to help me study better for my exams. (need)
7. Hi, Pete. Sorry, I can't speak now because I .....  
(drive)
8. You look very serious! What ..... about? (think)
9. We..... Bob outside the cinema at 7.30. (meet)

10. A- I went to see Hamlet yesterday at the theatre. It's excellent.

B- Oh good. I ..... it next week. (see)

A- I think you ..... it. (love)

11. A- I ..... (go) into town this morning. .... (I / go) to the shops on my way back?

B- Yes, we need tea, milk and some fruit.

A- OK. I ..... all that, and some coffee, too. (get)

12. A- They said on the radio that the weather ..... fantastic this Saturday. (be)

B- That's great, because my grandparents ..... to stay with me. (come)

# Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

*While multi-generational living is normal in many cultures, in some countries such as Britain and the US, it isn't very usual. However, homes where grandparents live with their children and their families in the same house are becoming more common in these countries because of the economic climate. Here, the members of one extended family explain how it works for them.*

## **Georgina – Anna's grandmother**

I was really pleased when my son wanted to move back home. I love spending time with Anna, my granddaughter. She's a lovely little girl at the minute – so happy and affectionate – everybody who meets her likes her. It will be wonderful to watch her grow up. I think even my unsociable husband is enjoying it! We eat together twice a week and, once a month, we have a family conference – my husband and I, my son and his wife – to discuss how things are going. We try to respect each other's space. Having my son here makes me less anxious about the future, too. At the moment, we're healthy, but in a few years we're going to need more help.

## **Esther – Anna’s mother**

Actually, it’s all working out well! My mother-in-law remembers what it’s like to have young children, so she’s very patient with Anna and sympathetic to me when I’m tired. She often just says: ‘Go and rest. I’ll look after her’. I think she wants to give advice about what Anna eats and what time she goes to bed, but she usually says nothing! And occasionally I ask her opinion and find her ideas are really sensible. We are all learning to be quite honest with each other, which I think is a good thing.

## **Chris – Anna’s grandfather**

I prefer a quiet life and a tidy house, and I think young people should be independent, but my wife loves having the family here. From a selfish point of view, it’s good for me too because Georgina is quite talkative and now she can chat to her daughter-in-law. I think it’s a very satisfactory situation for everyone concerned!

## **Alan – Anna's father**

I was worried because my mother can be bossy, but actually, she is being sensitive and we're lucky to have a reliable babysitter in the house! My dad is sometimes moody, but he's very affectionate with Anna. We're planning to buy our own house in a couple of years, but I think we'll stay near my parents because the relationship between Anna and her grandparents is so special.

- 1 Georgina is looking forward to seeing Anna grow up.  
A True    B False    C Doesn't say
- 2 Georgina says that Chris isn't very sociable.  
A True    B False    C Doesn't say
- 3 Georgina doesn't think she will need her son's assistance in the future.  
A True    B False    C Doesn't say
- 4 Esther cooks for the family twice a week.  
A True    B False    C Doesn't say
- 5 Esther says that Anna often gets tired.  
A True    B False    C Doesn't say
- 6 Esther says that Georgina gives very good advice.  
A True    B False    C Doesn't say
- 7 Alan thinks his mother can't look after Anna.  
A True    B False    C Doesn't say

Write *G* for Georgina, *E* for Esther, *C* for Chris, and *A* for Alan.

- 1 It's good to have help when I'm tired. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 We'll stay for another two years. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I try to be sensitive. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I'm happy to see what an affectionate grandfather he is. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I don't think it's good to be dishonest. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I remember how tiring young children are. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 It's too noisy in the house for me! \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 It's not a good idea for young people to be dependent. \_\_\_\_\_