

Four Ways to Talk about the Future in English - Summary

These are the four most common ways to express future actions.

Uses	Examples
1. The future simple (will + base form)	
Predictions (guesses or opinions)	I'm sure he'll pass the exam.
Future facts (neutral or formal language)	The moon will be full tomorrow.
Spontaneous decisions	It's cold. I'll close the window.
Promises	Don't worry. I won't be late tomorrow.
2. Be going to + base form	
Predictions (based on present evidence)	Look at those dark clouds. It's going to rain soon.
Future facts (conversational language)	The moon's going to be full tomorrow.
Plans or intentions	I'm going to study hard for the test.
3. The present continuous	
Fixed personal arrangements	He's seeing the doctor on Monday.
4. The present simple	
Timetables or schedules	The train leaves at 4 o'clock.
After conjunctions like when, after, before, until and as soon as	When I finish work, I'll call you.

Note: This is only a summary. Native speakers follow these rules most of the time, but there are additional uses for these constructions, and situations in which more than one form is possible.

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