

1 Kent Walker, a secret agent, is arranging to meet another agent, but they have to be careful: the police may see them. Complete Kent's telephone call using the present simple or will.

As soon as I (1-arrive) at the main square, I (2-sit) in the café opposite the statue. I (3-wait) there until I (4-see) you walk past. Then I (5-walk) behind you until we (6-get) to the tram stop at the corner of the square. When the tram (7-arrive), we (8-get) on and sit in different places. We (9-stay) on the tram until it (10-cross) the Diego Bridge. As soon as I (11-get) to the hotel, I (12-check in) and go to my room. When I (13-get) there, I (14-phone) down to you in the lobby to tell you my room number. We (15-not speak) until we (16-be) both in my room.

2 Complete the sentences using be going to or will.

- 1 'Would you like tea or coffee?' 'Oh, thank you, I (have)..... tea, please.'
- 2 'Someone told me that you're moving from London.' 'That's right. I (live) in Manchester.'
- 3 'Would you like to come to my house this evening?' 'Yes, all right. I (come) at 9 o'clock.'
- 4 I don't feel very well. I think I (faint)
- 5 'It's Simon's birthday soon. I've decided to buy him the new Blues Brothers record.' 'Oh, he doesn't like the Blues Brothers any more.' 'Oh, really? Well, I (get) him something to wear.'
- 6 Oh, no! Look at those cars! They (crash)
- 7 'I could lend you some money if you like.' 'Could you? I (pay) you back on Friday.'
- 8 I feel terrible. I think I (be) sick.

- 9 'I've got wine or beer. Which would you like?' 'Oh, thank you. I (have) beer, please.'
- 10 'What are you doing with that ladder?' 'I (repair) the roof.'

3 Be going to or will? In each pair, one of sentences would sound better with 'be going to' and the other would sound better with 'will'.

- 1.1 This road is in a terrible condition. When (they/do) something about it?
- 1.2 This road is in a terrible condition. I suppose they (do) something about it sooner or later.
- 2.1 'That bridge looks very unsafe.' 'Yes, they (pull) it down.'
- 2.2 'That bridge looks very unsafe.' 'I expect they (pull) it down one of these days.'
- 3.1 Get a calculator of your own. I (not/lend) you mine.
- 3.2 (you/lend) me your calculator? I've left mine at home.
- 4.1 'Where have you been?' 'I (not/tell) you unless you promise to keep it to yourself.'
- 4.2 'Where have you been?' 'I (not/tell) you!'
- 5.1 '(he/marry) Susan?' 'No, I think he wants to stay single.'
- 5.2 Do you think he (marry) Susan?
- 6.1 I (buy) a new car!
- 6.2 How am I going to get to work every day? I know, I (buy) a car!
- 7.1 'I (take) an umbrella with me.' 'Why?' 'It might rain.'
- 7.2 I (take) an umbrella in case it rains.

4 Substitute the verbs in the be going to future with the present continuous as future where this is possible.

A: (1) Are you going to come to the meeting tomorrow about the *proposed staff cuts? (=recortes de plantilla propuestos)

B: Oh yes, definitely.

A: Have you read the report about the cuts?

B: No, not yet. (2) I'm going to read it tonight. What does it say?

A: Well, (3) there are going to be quite a few cuts in this department.

B: Oh no. I wonder (4) who's going to lose their job.

A: I don't know. I think (5) they're going to ask people if they want to take voluntary redundancy.

B: Well, I certainly don't want that. (6) We're going to move into a new flat next month and the rent's quite high. I don't know (7) what's going to happen if I lose my job.

A: Oh, don't worry about it too much. I'm sure (8) everything's going to be all right. Look, why don't we go out for drink after work.

B: I can't. (9) I'm going to meet some friends for a meal and then (10) we're going to go to the cinema.

A: Well what about tomorrow night? (11) Are you going to go out then?

B: No, (12) I'm not going to do anything.

A: So let's go out after the meeting.

B: OK. Good idea.

5 Present continuous or be going to? Complete this dialogue. Use the present continuous where you can. Use 'be going to' if it is the only correct form.

Sally: We (1-go)..... to the rock concert on Saturday night. We (2-meet)..... outside the stadium at 5.00.

Jean: Why (3-you/meet)..... so early?

Sally: It (4-be)..... difficult to get in. People (5-come) from all over the country.

Jean: It (6-be)..... a long wait. You (7-be) hungry.

Sally: That's all right. I (8-take)..... sandwiches. (9-you/come).....?

Jean: No, I (10-study)..... . We've got exams on Monday and I (11-not fail) this time.

Sally: Bad luck! You (12-have)..... a dull weekend.

Jean: Yes, in a way. Enjoy the concert!

Sally: Thanks. How's Alex?

Jean: I (13-see)..... him tomorrow. He says he (14-go) abroad for his holidays in the summer. Look, after my exams I (15-ring)..... everyone and we (16-have) a party - if I pass, anyway!

6 Present continuous or will? Complete the sentences. Use the present continuous where possible. Use 'will' in the rest of the cases.

1 He (leave)..... in a few days.

2 He (not write)..... to you unless you write to him.

3 He (play)..... in a tennis match on Friday.

4 I am sure that I (recognize)..... him.

5 I hope that you (have)..... a good time tomorrow.

6 If you drop that bottle, it (break)

7 She (go)..... on a cruise next summer.

8 Tom (catch)..... the 7.40 train.

Answer Key

- 1** 1 arrive 2 'll sit 3 'll wait 4 see 5 'll walk 6 get 7 arrives 8 'll get 9 'll stay 10 crosses 11 get 12 'll check 13 get 14 'll phone 15 won't speak 16 are
- 2** 1 'll have 2 'm going to live 3 'll come 4 'm going to faint 5 'll get 6 're going to crash 7 'll pay 8 'm going to be 9 'll have 10 'm going to repair
- 3** 1.1 are they going to do 1.2 will do 2.1 are going to pull 2.2 will pull 3.1 'm not going to lend 3.2 Will you lend 4.1 won't tell 4.2 'm not going to tell 5.1 Is he going to marry 5.2 will marry 6.1 'm going to buy 6.2 'll buy 7.1 'm going to take 7.2 will take
- 4** 1 2 6 9 10 11 12
- 5** 1 are going 2 are meeting 3 are you meeting 4 is going to be 5 are coming 6 is going to be 7 are going to be 8 'm taking 9 Are you coming 10 'm going to study 11 'm not going to fail 12 're going to have 13 'm seeing 14 's going 15 'm going to ring 16 're going to have
- 6** 1 's leaving 2 won't write 3 's playing 4 'll recognize him 5 'll have 6 'll break 7 's going 8 's catching