

THEME 2 PLANS GRAMMAR

FUTURE TENSES

1. BE GOING TO FUTURE TENSE

*** We use the future with be going to for future plans and intentions.

- My father is going to see his dentist next week.
- My friend is studying medicine. He's going to be a doctor.
- We aren't going to be at home tomorrow.
- We're going to visit our grandparents.

*** We use going to (do) for prediction in the near future. The speaker is sure because there are signs about it.

- She is standing at the edge of the cliff. She is going to fall
- A: What is the problem? There are strange noises in the lift.
B: I think the lift is going to break down .Let's get out!

- A: I feel cold.

B: Look at those black clouds. It is going to rain.

- A: What is the matter with you?

B: I feel terrible. I am going to be ill.

2. SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE

*** We use the Simple Future Tense for spontaneous decisions

- "Tea or coffee?" "I'll have tea, please."

- A: What would you like to drink?

B: I'll have a Cola Turka , please.

- A: The phone is ringing.

B: Ok. I'll answer it.

*** We use the Simple Future Tense for predictions about the future, usually with perhaps and probably or after the verbs think, believe, hope, be sure, etc.

- I'm sure he'll be the champion.
- We'll probably go there tomorrow.
- I think she will come here by 10 p.m.
- I hope I'll get there on time.

3. PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE (FOR FUTURE MEANING)

*** We use the Present Continuous for future actions related to personal arrangements.

- * I'm flying to London tomorrow.
- * We're going to Madrid next Wednesday.
- * Katie is having a garden party this evening.

4. PRESENT SIMPLE (FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS)

*** We use the Present Simple for future actions related to official timetables or programs.

- * The graduation ceremony starts at 2 p.m. next Sunday.
- * The plane arrives at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.