

Present Simple used for the Future

- 1) Timetable/Schedule** - for the public or a group of people. Usually can be found in print and available for many to use.

The bus to Concord leaves at 5:30 tomorrow.

Present Continuous used for the Future (going to can also be used in these cases)

- 1) Planned arrangement** – written in diary and/or agreed to with another person.

I'm meeting Mary at 2:00. (or: I am going to meet Mary at 2:00)

Going to

- 1) Planned intention**

I'm going to read my e-mails when I get back to the office.

- 2) Predictions based on (physical) evidence**

Look at the sky! It's going to rain!

Future Simple

(I'll)

- 1) A promise to do something, to offer help.**

I'll pick you up at the airport.

- 2) An instant decision that is followed by an immediate action.**

"It's so hot." "Oh. I'll open the window for you."

- 3) A prediction**

You will live to an old age and you'll become rich and famous.

EXERCISE

- 1) Make three promises: 1 to your family, 1 to your boss, 1 to yourself.

- 2) Talk about your next holiday with your partner.

- 3) Find out 3 things that your partner has planned and has written in his agenda.