

## The Future

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The future is part of Non-Past Time, which is all time which is not Past Time.

Task 1. Which of these sentences refer to future time? How do you know?

1. He might live.
2. That will have been jack.
3. I'll do it for you.
4. I'm leaving on Sunday.
5. I'm in Holland on Tuesday.
6. He will make it.
7. I'll be lying on a beach this time next week.
8. When I get there, I'll let you know.
9. He should leave soon.
10. I'd like to see you soon.
11. I should have guessed.
12. The plane leaves at six.
13. I've never seen such a large UFO before.
14. I love everything about you.
15. I would never have thought that of him.
16. I've got a letter to write tomorrow.
17. Suppose we had come here tomorrow – we'd've missed the parade.
18. If she comes, call me.
19. Had I known, I wouldn't've said anything.
20. It's time I was gone.
21. I'm having lunch with Sue then, sorry.
22. It's going to snow and snow and snow.
23. I'm out all day tomorrow.
24. When I've finished writing this report, I'd like you to have a look at it.
25. I'm having a party next week – will you be able to come?
26. I'm going to have a party next week – you're invited of course.
27. If he arrives before me, ask him to wait.
28. She may get married soon
29. I was supposed to go tomorrow but I can't make it.
30. I'll have left by the time you get home. Goodbye forever.
31. I'm leaving.
32. She will have left by now – I'm sure of it.

Task 2. Which verb forms can be used to refer to future time?

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**Rule: Here is a rule for choosing the right verb form for future time**

**When talking about future time we use the same verb forms as for the rest of Non-past Time.**

Eg The plane leaves at six; I'm having a party next week; When I get there.....;  
When I've finished writing this report

**Unless our opinion of the 'event' is important when we use a modal verb + the First Form.**

Eg He will make it.

**Unless our opinion of the activity is important, when we use a modal verb + the Present Continuous.** Eg I'll be lying on a beach this time next week.

**Unless our opinion of a relationship to another event in Non-Past Time (often 'now') is important, when we use a modal verb + Present Perfect Simple.** Eg I'll have left by the time you get home.

**(Unless the activity is also important, when we use a modal verb + the Present Perfect Continuous).** Very rare: there is no example above.

**Key**

**Task 1. Which of these sentences refer to future time?**

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

**Task 2. Which verb forms can be used to refer to future time?**

Present Simple

Present Continuous

Present Perfect

(Present Perfect Continuous)

Modal + all above forms

Past Perfect!