

Writing L2WLO7

Future Plans

Learning Outcome 7: Write about future plans

EXPLORING WRITTEN ENGLISH

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING Using *Will* and *Be Going To*

You use *will* and *be going to* with the base form of the verb to talk about the future.

You use *be going to* to talk about future plans.

They're going to study business. Then they're going to work at a big international company.

You use *will* to make predictions or promises, and to talk about future facts.

In 50 years, people won't drive cars. I'll call you tonight. In ten years, he'll be 30.

A Read the sentences (1–4). Match them to the descriptions (a–d).

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| 1. I'll help you to write the report. _____ | a. a future fact |
| 2. We're going to visit my grandparents at the weekend. _____ | b. future plans |
| 3. I think she'll love your present. _____ | c. a prediction |
| 4. We'll leave the university when we finish our courses. _____ | d. a promise |

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of *will* or *be going to* and the verbs in parentheses.

- My parents _____ (fly) to Dubai for a vacation next week.
- I _____ (help) you to fix your bike this evening.
- In four hours, they _____ (be) in the library.
- Faisal and Khaled _____ (go) horse riding at the weekend.
- In 50 years from now, people _____ (use) computers even more than they do now.
- I think a lot of people _____ (come) to the event.

EDITING PRACTICE Using Apostrophes

In English, you use apostrophes (') in short forms like *won't*, *you're* and *isn't*. You write the apostrophe in the place where you took a letter out of the long form. For example, to make the short form of *is not*, you take out the letter *o*, so you write the apostrophe between *isn* and *t*.

C Rewrite the short forms with apostrophes.

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| 1. wont (will not) _____ | 3. arent (are not) _____ | 5. were (we are) _____ |
| 2. youre (you are) _____ | 4. isnt (is not) _____ | |

WRITING TASK

GOAL You are going to write a paragraph about the year 2040.

PLANNING A Make notes for your paragraph about the things below.

1. your plans for the future
2. things you're sure will be true in the world and in your life in 2040
3. what you think the world will be like in 2040

FIRST DRAFT B Write a first draft of your paragraph.

EDITING C Now use the questions below to edit your paragraph.

- ☐ Did you include all the information about the year 2040?
- ☐ Did you use *will* and *be going to* correctly?
- ☐ Did you use apostrophes correctly?
- ☐ Did you use vocabulary and grammar correctly?