## BBC Learning English Quiznet

## Future tense review



| 1. | In the future, people from home via the internet and only go to work once a   |
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|    | week.   |
| a) | will work   |
| b) | will working  |
| c) | will have worked  |
| d) | are working   |
| 2. | meeting your friends after work tonight?                                      |
|    | Will you  |
| ,  | Are you going to  |
|    | Are you   |
| ,  | all of the above  |
|    |   |
|    | The train at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.                                    |
|    | arrives   |
| ,  | will arrive   |
| ,  | is arriving   |
| d) | all of the above  |
| 4. | This time tomorrow, on the beach in the Seychelles.                           |
|    | she lie   |
|    | she'll be lying   |
|    | she'll lain   |
|    | none of the above   |
|    |   |
|    | I won't come to your party this weekend as my parents are visiting.           |
|    | can   |
|    | be able to  |
| ,  | be can  |
| d) | none of the above   |
| 6. | By the end of the week, the contract with the film company. Then we can start |
|    | looking for actors to star in the film.                                       |
| a) | we'll have signed   |
|    | we'll signing   |
|    | we'll sign  |
| ,  | we'll have signing  |
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## **ANSWERS:**

| 1. | In the future, people from home via the internet and only go to work once a week.                  |
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| a) | will work – This is the correct answer. We use 'will + infinitive' for general                     |
|    | predictions about the future.  |
| b) | will working – After 'will', we don't use 'verb + ing'.  |
| c) | will have worked – We use 'will have + past participle' to show that something will be             |
|    | finished at some point in the future.  |
| d) | are working - We don't use present continuous to make general predictions about the                |
|    | future.  |
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|    | meeting your friends after work tonight?   |
| a) | Will you – You can't put an '-ing' form after 'will'.  |
| b) | Are you going to – You can't put an '-ing' form after 'going to'.                                  |
| c) | Are you – This is the correct answer. 'Are you meeting' is the present continuous                  |
|    | which we can use for arrangements in the future.   |
| d) | all of the above – Only one of the options is correct.   |
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| 2  | The train at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.   |
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|    | arrives – We can use present simple for timetabled events in the future e.g. trains, planes,       |
|    | sports matches. This is correct but there are other correct options.                               |
| b) | will arrive – We can use 'will + infinitive' as this is a prediction about the train time. This is |
|    | correct but there are other correct options.   |
| c) | is arriving – We can use present continuous for future events when we are sure they will           |
|    | happen. This is correct but there are other correct options.                                       |
| d) | all of the above – This is the correct answer. We can use all these options to talk about          |

certain future events.

| 4.  | This time tomorrow, on the beach in the Seychelles.   |
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| a)  | she lie – This isn't a correct future form. Try again.  |
| b)  | she'll be lying – This is the correct answer. We use future continuous for incomplete             |
|     | actions in the future. Here, the lying won't be completed by this time tomorrow.                  |
| c)  | she'll lain – This isn't a correct future form. Try again.  |
| d)  | none of the above – One of the options is correct.  |
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| 5.  | I won't come to your party this weekend as my parents are visiting.                               |
| a)  | can – You need an infinitive form of a verb after 'will/won't'. There is no infinitive of 'can'   |
|     | so we use another construction instead.   |
| b)  | be able to – This is the correct answer. 'Be able to' is what we use instead of 'can' if          |
|     | we need an infinitive form.   |
| c)  | be can – 'Be can' is not grammatically correct in English.  |
| d)  | none of the above – One of the options is correct.  |
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| 6.  | By the end of the week, the contract with the film company. Then we can start                     |
|     | looking for actors to star in the film.   |
| a)  | we'll have signed – This is the correct answer. We often use future perfect with                  |
|     | sentences including 'by' e.g. by the time, by tomorrow etc. It shows an event that will           |
|     | be complete at a specified point in the future.   |
| b)  | we'll signing – This isn't a correct future form. Try again.                                      |
| c)  | we'll sign – When we begin sentences with 'by' there is another future form that we use to        |
|     | show an action that will be complete at a specified point in the future.                          |
| d)  | we'll have signing – 'Will + have + -ing' doesn't exist in English.                               |
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