

TENSE & ASPECT: Futur I



a) Please conjugate the following verbs into the 'will- future'.

1. He _____ (to leave) as soon as he is done.
2. If the sun shines while it's raining, you _____ (to see) a rainbow.
3. I'm afraid a new car _____ (to cost) too much.
4. Tomorrow it _____ (to be) cold.
5. If our flight is late, our parents _____ (to wonder) where we are.
6. I _____ (to go) hiking all day tomorrow.
7. They say spring _____ (to be) here early this year.
8. I _____ (to hear) back from them next week.
9. Mary _____ (to celebrate) her birthday next Monday.
10. _____ Hilary Clinton _____ (to be) President of the United States?

b) Complete the following sentences with *going to* or *will*.

1. Let's go inside, quick! It _____ rain any minute now.
2. I _____ take her to the station when she leaves. She's asked me a while ago.
3. Can you pick him up? - No worries, I _____ do that.
4. I think I _____ go swimming this afternoon, the weather looks beautiful.
5. _____ you _____ eat that ice cream, or can I have it?
6. I _____ tell her as soon as I see her.
7. He says he _____ become a football player when he's older.
8. _____ you see her again tomorrow? - I don't know yet.

c) Now complete the following grammar rules with *going to* or *will*. Which of the sentences from part a) of this exercise are examples of which grammar rule?

1. _____ is used for a future action which has already been planned.
2. _____ is used for an action in the immediate future.
3. _____ is used for an idea the speaker has at the moment of speaking.
4. _____ is used for a possibility, or some future action that, at the moment of speaking, is just an idea and has not been definitely planned.

SOLUTION

a)

1. He will leave as soon as he is done.
2. If the sun shines while it's raining, you will see a rainbow.
3. I'm afraid a new car will cost too much.
4. Tomorrow it will be cold.
5. If our flight is late, our parents will wonder where we are.
6. I will go hiking all day tomorrow.
7. They say spring will be here early this year.
8. I will hear back from them next week.
9. Mary will celebrate her birthday next Monday.
10. Will Hilary Clinton be President of the United States?

c)

1. Let's go inside, quick! It's *going to* rain any minute now.
2. I'm *going to* take her to the station when she leaves. She's asked me a while ago.
3. Can you pick him up? No worries, I *//will* do that.
4. I think I *//will* go swimming this afternoon, the weather looks beautiful.
5. *Are you going to* eat that ice cream, or can I have it?
6. I *//will* tell her as soon as I see her.
7. He says he's *going to* become a football player when he's older.
8. *Will* you see her again tomorrow? - I don't know yet.

c)

1. *Going to* is used for a future action which has already been planned. 2,7,5
2. *Going to* is used for an action in the immediate future. 1
3. *Will* is used for an idea the speaker has at the moment of speaking. 3,6
4. *Will* is used for a possibility or some future action that, at the moment of speaking, is just an idea and has not been definitely planned. 4,8