

Future Tense Verbs Worksheet

Talking about things that have not happened yet.

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The "going to" form by about 4 and "will" by about 5

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English has two everyday ways to talk about the future: "will" ("I will go") and "going to" ("I am going to go").

Children get "gonna" first, usually by 3, because it shows up constantly in the speech around them. "Will" comes later and is more common in books and instructions than in casual talk, so some children need it taught directly.

What to expect: Future tense depends on being able to imagine something that does not exist yet, so it lags behind past and present for good cognitive reasons. Expect "I gonna" around 3, "I am going to" around 4, and comfortable use of "will" around 5. Contractions like "I'll" and "we'll" often arrive alongside "will" and can be hard to hear - check whether the child is actually producing them.

Using "Will"

Fill in the blank using "will" plus the verb.

1. Tomorrow I ____ to the zoo. (go)
2. Later we ____ pizza for dinner. (eat)
3. Next week she ____ five years old. (be)
4. After school he ____ his homework. (do)
5. Tonight I ____ my teeth before bed. (brush)
6. On Saturday they ____ to the beach. (drive)
7. Soon the baby ____ a nap. (take)
8. In the spring the flowers ____ . (bloom)
9. Next year I ____ first grade. (start)
10. After the movie we ____ home. (walk)

11. Tomorrow it ____ all day. (rain)
12. Later the dog ____ his ball. (fetch)

Using "Going To"

Fill in the blank using "am going to," "is going to," or "are going to."

13. I ____ build a tower.
14. She ____ paint her room.
15. They ____ visit Grandma.
16. We ____ make cookies.
17. He ____ ride his bike.
18. The cat ____ jump on the counter.
19. You ____ love this book.
20. I ____ wear my red shoes.
21. The kids ____ watch a movie.
22. My dad ____ fix the fence.
23. It ____ snow tonight.
24. We ____ plant a garden.

What Will Happen Next?

Look at each picture card and predict what happens next. Answer in a full future-tense sentence.

25. The girl is blowing out her candles. What will happen?
26. Dark clouds are gathering. What will happen?
27. The dog sees a squirrel. What will happen?
28. The baby is reaching for the cup. What will happen?

29. The seeds are planted in the dirt. What will happen?
30. The boy is putting on his coat. What will happen?
31. The ice cream is sitting in the sun. What will happen?

Answer Key

Using "Will"

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| 1. will go | 7. will take |
| 2. will eat | 8. will bloom |
| 3. will be | 9. will start |
| 4. will do | 10. will walk |
| 5. will brush | 11. will rain |
| 6. will drive | 12. will fetch |

Using "Going To"

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| 13. am going to | 19. are going to |
| 14. is going to | 20. am going to |
| 15. are going to | 21. are going to |
| 16. are going to | 22. is going to |
| 17. is going to | 23. is going to |
| 18. is going to | 24. are going to |

What Will Happen Next?

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| 25. She will eat the cake. | 29. The seeds will grow. |
| 26. It will rain. | 30. He will go outside. |
| 27. The dog will chase the squirrel. | 31. The ice cream will melt. |
| 28. The baby will spill the cup. | |