



Future Simple: Present Continuous vs Will/Going To

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- I ___ meeting Sarah at 3 PM tomorrow. We arranged it yesterday.
a) had
b) will
c) going to
d) am
- A: Someone's knocking at the door. B: I ___ see who it is.
a) am
b) see
c) am going to
d) will
- We ___ having dinner with the Smiths on Saturday. It's all arranged.
a) will
b) are
c) had
d) going to
- She's saved enough money. She ___ buy a new laptop.
a) is
b) is going to
c) buys
d) will
- I ___ flying to New York next Monday. I've booked my ticket.
a) will
b) am
c) fly
d) am going to
- I think it ___ be a beautiful day tomorrow.
a) will
b) is going to
c) is
d) being
- We ___ seeing the doctor at 10 AM. The appointment is confirmed.
a) see
b) will
c) are going to
d) are
- Look at those clouds! It ___ rain soon.
a) is going to
b) is
c) rains
d) will
- What time ___ you meeting John tomorrow?
a) will
b) do
c) are
d) going to
- I've decided. I ___ learn to play the piano.
a) will
b) am
c) am going to
d) learn
- She ___ starting her new job on Monday. Everything is arranged.
a) will
b) is going to
c) is
d) starts

12. A: I forgot my wallet. B: Don't worry, I ____ pay.
a) am
b) am going to
c) pay
d) will
13. They ____ getting married in June. The venue is booked.
a) will
b) are
c) are going to
d) get
14. One day, scientists ____ find a cure for cancer.
a) are
b) will
c) are going to
d) find
15. What ____ you doing this weekend? Any plans?
a) will
b) do
c) going to
d) are
16. We've been planning for months. We ____ open a café.
a) are going to
b) are
c) will
d) open
17. I ____ having lunch with my boss tomorrow at 1 PM.
a) am
b) will
c) am going to
d) have
18. A: Which color do you prefer? B: Hmm... I think I ____ take the blue one.
a) will
b) am going to
c) take
d) am
19. The train ____ leaving at 6:15. Check the timetable.
a) will
b) is going to
c) is
d) leaves
20. I've thought about it. I ____ study abroad next year.
a) will
b) am
c) am going to
d) study



Answers

1. d) am
2. d) will
3. b) are
4. b) is going to
5. b) am
6. a) will
7. d) are
8. a) is going to
9. c) are
10. c) am going to
11. c) is
12. d) will
13. b) are
14. b) will
15. d) are
16. a) are going to
17. a) am
18. a) will
19. c) is
20. c) am going to



Explanations

1. “am” (d)

Use Present Continuous (am + -ing) for fixed arrangements with a specific time. 'We arranged it yesterday' confirms this is a definite arrangement.

2. “will” (d)

Instant decision in response to a situation = use 'will'.

3. “are” (b)

Use Present Continuous (are + -ing) for fixed arrangements. 'It's all arranged' confirms this is a definite plan.

4. “is going to” (b)

Intention based on prior decision = 'be going to'.

5. “am” (b)

Ticket booked = fixed arrangement = Present Continuous.

6. “will” (a)

Opinion about future weather = 'will'.

7. “are” (d)

Confirmed appointment = fixed arrangement = Present Continuous.

8. “is going to” (a)

Evidence (clouds) = prediction = 'be going to'.

9. “are” (c)

Asking about an arrangement = Present Continuous.

10. “am going to” (c)

Decision made before speaking = 'be going to'.

11. “is” (c)

New job with set start date = fixed arrangement = Present Continuous.

12. “will” (d)

Spontaneous offer = 'will'.

13. “are” (b)

Venue booked = fixed arrangement = Present Continuous.

14. “will” (b)

General prediction about distant future = 'will'.

15. “are” (d)

Asking about arrangements = Present Continuous.

16. “are going to” (a)

Months of planning = intention = 'be going to'.

17. “am” (a)

Specific time arranged = Present Continuous.

18. “will” (a)

Decision made now while choosing = 'will'.

19. “is” (c)

Scheduled transport = Present Continuous (or Present Simple).

20. “am going to” (c)

Prior thought/decision = 'be going to'.