

GRAMMAR IN USE

Talking about the future

FUTURE TENSES

WILL (FUT. SIMPLE)

- Predictions (we don't know):

*We **'ll travel** to Mars in 20 years.*

- Sudden decisions:

*I'm hungry!
I'll make a sandwich.*

- Offerings:

*- **Will** you **have** something to drink?
- No thanks,
I won't have anything.*

BE GOING TO

- Plans & intentions (an idea for the future):

***I'm going to meet** my friends.*

(but I haven't phoned them yet)

- Evident predictions (something we know):

*We **are going to have** a baby in 2 months.*

Look at the sky!

***It's going to rain** in a few minutes.*

PRES. CONTIN.

- Arrangements: planned actions at a specific time (your intention or plan has been arranged):

***I'm meeting** my friends at seven.*

***We're having** a birthday party.*

PRES. SIMPLE

- future events at a specific time (timetables or schedules):

*The plane **takes land** at 11:40.*

*We **leave** to Edinburgh at nine.*