



# Learn English Through Stories

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## Future time

### A. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form.

**Example:** This time next week, ..... (we/sip) cocktails by the pool!

This time next week, **we will be sipping** cocktails by the pool!

1. In twenty-four hours' time (I/relax) on my yacht.
2. 'There's someone at the door.' 'That ..... (be) the postman.'
3. By the time you get back Harry ..... (leave).
4. It's only a short trip. I ..... (be) back in an hour.
5. What ..... (you/do) this Saturday evening? Would you like to go out?
6. By the end of the week we ..... (decide) what to do.
7. It ..... (not/be) long before Doctor Smith is here.
8. We'll go to the park when you ..... (finish) your tea.
9. It's very hot in here. I think I ..... (faint).
10. What ..... (you/give) Poonam for her birthday? Have you decided yet?

**B. In most lines of this text there is an extra word. Write the extra word, or put a tick if the line is correct.**

In August Gordon will then have been at his company for 25 years,	1
and he's getting for a bonus of three weeks paid holiday. So we've	2
decided to hire a car and drive around Eastern Europe. We'll be	3
leaving towards the end of August, and our aim there is to visit as	4
many countries as we can. We're flying out to Budapest - soon we're	5
due to catch a plane on the 28th day - and then we'll be stopping over	6
at a friend's house, before starting our grand tour. We'll most probably	7
spend the best part of a week in Hungary. When we've just finished	8
there, we'll probably be go to Romania, but beyond that we haven't	9
planned too much arrangements. We will know a bit more by the end	10
of this week, when we're getting a whole load of brochures from the	11
tourist board. We'd like to get to as far as Russia, but realistically I	12
doubt whether we'll have time. I hope it won't be too expensive —	13
from till now on we'll really have to tighten our belts! I can't wait!	14
In just over two months' of time we'll be having the time of our lives!	15

**C. Choose the most appropriate continuation for each sentence.**

1. According to the latest forecast, the tunnel

- A. will be finished next year.    **B. will have been finished next year.**  
**C. is finishing next year.**

2. Paula's flight is bound to be late although

- A. it arrives at 6.00.    **B. it's due at 6.00.**    **C. it's arriving at six.**

3. It's no use phoning Bob at the office, he

- A. will be leaving.    **B. is leaving.**    C. will have left.

4. Everyone says that this year City

- A. are going to win the Cup.    .B are winning the Cup.    C. win the Cup.

5. I don't feel like visiting my relatives this year so

- A. I won't go.    **B. I'm not going.**    C. I don't go.

6. You can borrow this calculator, I

- A. am not going to need it.    **B. won't have been needing it.**  
C. am not needing it.

7. I'm sorry dinner isn't ready yet, but it

- A. is going to be ready in a minute.    **B. will have been ready in a minute.**  
C. will be ready in a minute,

8. Can you send me the results as soon as you

- A. hear anything?    **B. are hearing anything?**    C .will have heard anything?

9. You can try asking Martin for help but

- A. it won't do you any good.    **B. it's not doing you any good.**  
C. it won't be doing you any good,

10. Don't worry about the mistake you made, nobody

- A. is noticing.    **B. will notice.**    C. will be noticing.

**D. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.**

1. I don't suppose you have heard the news. **won't**

You ..... the news.

2. The Prime Minister expects an easy victory for his party in the election. **believes**

The Prime Minister ..... the election easily.

3. I've been in this company for almost three years. **will**

By the end of the month ..... in this company for three years.

4. This book will take me two years to write. **have**

In two years' ..... this book.

5. Scientists are on the point of making a vital breakthrough. **about**

Scientists are ..... a vital breakthrough.

6. Maria is pregnant again. **have**

Maria is ..... baby.

7. I'll be home late. **until**

I .....late.

8. No one knows what the result of the match is going to be. **who**

No one knows ..... the match.

9. Don't worry; David won't be late. **here**

Don't worry; David ..... time.

10. Mary and Alan's wedding is next weekend. **getting**

Mary and Alan ..... next weekend.

**E. Look at the three options A, B and C for each question. Decide which two are correct.**

1. We've run out of fuel.

A. What will we do now?      B. What do we do now?

C. What are we going to do now?

2. You can't leave early,

A. we're having a meeting.      B. we're going to have a meeting.

C. we will have a meeting.

3. Oh dear, I've broken the vase.

A. What will your mother say?      B. What is your mother going to say?

C. What is your mother saying?

4. According to the weather forecast,

A. it'll rain tomorrow.      B. it's raining tomorrow.

C. it's going to rain tomorrow.

5. I'd like to call round and see you

A. What will you have done by the morning?      B. What'll you be doing in the morning?

C. What are you doing in the morning?

6. I've got nothing to do tomorrow so

A. I'll get up late.      B. I am to get up late.      C. I'm going to get up late.

7. It's my eighteenth birthday next month so

A. I'm on the point of having a party.      B. I'm having a party.

C. I'll be having a party.

8. Why don't you come with us?

A. It'll be a great trip.      B. It's going to be a great trip.      C. It's a great trip.

9. When you get to the airport

A. someone is going to be waiting for you.      B. someone is due to wait for you.

C. someone will be waiting for you.

10. Shut up, will you!

A. I'm getting really angry.      B. I'm going to get really angry in a minute.

C. I'm getting really angry in a minute.

**F. Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

1. I'll be back after a few minutes / in a few minutes.
2. I'm sure that everything will be all right at the end / in the end.
3. Please call me the moment / exactly when you hear any news.
4. I should be back by the time / at the time the film begins.
5. I'm sure Fiona will be here before long / after a while.
6. I can't leave on Tuesday. I won't be ready until then / by then.
7. By twenty four hours / this time tomorrow I'll be in Bangkok,
8. Diana will be retiring soon / already.
9. There will be no official announcements forthwith / from now on.
10. Bye for now. I'll see you in two weeks' time / two weeks later.



**G. Complete the common expressions using the words from the box.**

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1. I'll ..... what I can do.
2. I'll ..... a look and get back to you.
3. I'll ..... it some thought.
4. I'll ..... you know by tomorrow.
5. I'll just ..... and get it.
6. I'll ..... halves with you.
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## Answers

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9. be 10. arrangements 11. correct 12. to 13. correct 14. till 15. of**

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Scientists are **about to make** a vital breakthrough.

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No one knows **who is going to win** the match.

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Mary and Alan are **getting married** next weekend.

**E. Look at the three options A, B and C for each question. Decide which two are correct.**

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| 1. B, C | 2. A, B | 3. A, B | 4. A, C | 5. B, C  |
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3. Please call me the moment when you hear any news.
4. I should be back **by the time** the film begins.
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3. I'll **give** it some thought.
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