



# Learn English Through Stories

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## Present and Future Times 1

### Diagnostic 1. Circle the correct answer.

1. A barbecue this Sunday? **That sounds** / **is sounding** great!
2. The flat is **currently decorated** / **is currently being decorated**.
3. As soon as **you've received** / **you will receive** the fax, phone me.
4. New shopping malls **have opened up** / **are opening up** all the time.
5. The drug **won't have taken** / **won't be taken** effect yet - you only took it a minute ago.
6. He's so far ahead - he **will be winning** / **is going to win** easily.
7. Now that I've lost weight, my jeans **fit** / **are fitting** me better.
8. Kate **is measuring** / **measures** the window for new curtains.
9. "I'm visiting my sister on Sunday." "Will **you be staying** / **have stayed** for lunch?"
10. I know Alex quite well but I **don't consider** / **am not considering** him a friend.
11. In our history class we **are discussing** / **have been discussing** the causes of World War II all week.
12. Unfortunately, I **don't have** / **am not having** a birthday party this year.

**Diagnostic 2. Choose the sentence which is closest in meaning to the first one.**

1. The show will start any minute now.
  - a. The show is currently starting.
  - b. The show is about to start.
2. Our taxi has arrived.
  - a. The taxi is coming.
  - b. The taxi is here.
3. My brothers still play chess.
  - a. My brothers haven't finished their chess game.
  - b. My brothers play chess sometimes.
4. John hasn't been to London for ages.
  - a. It is a long time since John went to London.
  - b. John arrived in London a short time ago.
5. Uncle Ron is here for a week.
  - a. Uncle Ron has already spent a week here.
  - b. Uncle Ron is spending a week here.
6. Trudy is being very stubborn.
  - a. Trudy is a very stubborn person.
  - b. Trudy is behaving stubbornly at the moment.
7. Jim is constantly sending me text messages.
  - a. I get messages from Jim all the time.
  - b. I sometimes get text messages from Jim.
8. The match is to be played at the stadium.
  - a. They will play the match at the stadium.
  - b. They are playing the match at the stadium now.

**A. Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs given.**

1. "I think I ..... (**phone**) Mary to see if she wants to come to the cinema with us."

"That's not such a good idea. She ..... (**rest**)."

2. "What are you going to do once your new novel ..... (**publish**)?"

"I..... (**go**) on an extended publicity tour and then I think I'll take it easy for a while."

3. " ..... (**consider**) your job to be a difficult one?"

"Not really. That's why I.....(**think**) of finding something more challenging."

4. "I..... (**work**) late every day this week."

"I suppose that means that I.....(**not see**) you until Saturday."

5. "Julie! You.....(**be**) very silly today."

"Sorry, Miss. I promise I.....(**pay**) attention from now on."

6. "I..... (**read**) the same newspaper for years."

"I suppose it..... (**deliver**) to your house every day."

7. "Brrr! It..... (**get**) cold in here."

"You're right. I.....(**turn**) the heating on."

8. " ..... (**still plan**) to do a media studies course next year?"

"Actually, I've changed my mind. I..... (**study**) environmental science instead."

**B. Complete the sentences with the time expressions below. There are more words than you need.**

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ever since • forever • all day tomorrow • currently • by now**

1. I'm sorry to say we do not ..... have any vacancies.  
Possibly there will be some in the near future.
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**C. Rewrite the sentences below starting with the words given.**

1. It will take them three weeks to finish renovating the shop.

In three weeks, they

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2. Mr Thomas started teaching 15 years ago.

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3. The committee is announcing the name of the new chairperson tomorrow.

The name of the new chairperson will

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By the time he completes it, John .....

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6. When is your next doctor's appointment?

When are you due

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Once you've tried to get a novel published,

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8. Sally never seems to remember her friends' birthdays.

Sally is

.....

**D. Write full sentences using the words given.**

1. Managers / due to / meet with / union leaders / tomorrow.

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2. I / on the point of / resign / because of stress

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Or: What are you going to do once your new novel **is published?**"

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Or: Simon and Liz are **on the brink of splitting up.**

Or: Simon and Liz are **on the point of splitting up.**

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Once you've tried to get a novel published, **you will know how difficult it is.**

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Or: Sally is **forever forgetting her friend's birthdays.**

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