The Future Tense – Simple Future

There are three aspects of the future tense:

1) Simple future
2) Future progressive
3) Future perfect (simple and progressive)

The simple future tense is used to describe an action that happens once in the future.

• Verb endings do not change in the future tense. Use “will” or “going to” to show that an action or fact pertains to the future.

\[ \text{[Subject]} \ [\text{will be}] \ [\text{verb}] \]
\[ \text{[Subject]} \ [\text{form of “to be”}] \ [\text{going to}] \ [\text{verb}] \]

• The verb “to be” has an irregular conjugation:

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Example: He will clean his room in a few hours.
Example: I am going to play in the game tomorrow.

• Add the word “not” after “will” and before “going” and the main verb to form the negative.

Example: We will not run in the race tomorrow.
Example: Jason is not going to play guitar tonight.

Directions: Write the correct form of the simple future tense using “will”.

1) I ___________________ (to do) my homework tomorrow.
2) Well, I guess we ___________________ (to ride) the bus to work next week.
3) He ___________________ (to eat) roast beef for dinner.
4) Jane ______ not _________________ (to quit) her job on Monday.
5) I think I ___________________ (to watch) a movie with James tonight.
6) When ______ Jane ___________________ (to be) old enough to drive?
7) My sister ______ probably ___________________ (to go) to camp this summer.

Directions: Write the correct form of the simple future tense using “going to”.

1) Jess and Billy ___________________ to be roommates.
2) It ___________________ to be sunny today.
3) Yuki ___________________ to come to the movie with us.
4) Our family ___________________ to move to Alaska.
5) This weekend we ___________________ to study for the Spanish test on Monday.
6) They ______ probably ___________________ to run four miles.
7) It is doubtful that the sailors ______ ever ___________________ to return from their journey to Antarctica.

Directions: Now make your own sentences in the simple future tense.

1) ___________________
2) ___________________