

10. The passengers board begin

TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

The **SIMPLE FUTURE TENSE** is used to refer to an action that is yet to take place.
If you ask Rahul, he will certainly help you.
We shall meet in the canteen tomorrow.
I am going to help them if I can.

The **FUTURE PROGRESSIVE TENSE** is used to refer to an action that will be going on at some time in the future.

When I reach home, mother will be doing yoga.
By this time next year, I shall be writing another book.

The **FUTURE PERFECT TENSE** is used to refer to the completion of an action by a certain future time.

I shall have completed my work by next week.
Before you reach there, he would have left.

J. Read the dialogue. Underline all the verbs in the future tense. Rewrite the dialogue using the going to form.

VRITI: Hello Stuti. This is Vriti here. Will you be coming home tomorrow?

Are you going to home tomorrow?

STUTI: No, Vriti. My family and I shall be leaving for Kochi tomorrow morning. We shall be spending a week there.

My family and I are going to leave for Kochi tomorrow. We are going to spend a week there.

VRITI: What will you do in Kochi for so long?

What are you going to do in Kochi for so long?

STUTI: We will attend our cousin's wedding. We will also visit my grandmother's village.

We are going to attend our cousin's wedding. We are going to visit my grandmother's village.

VRITI: Will you watch any boat race?

Are you going to watch any boat race?

STUTI: We shall sail on the backwaters in a snake boat!

We are going to sail on the backwaters in a snake boat.

VRITI: I shall miss you. Will you be back for my birthday on the 13th of January?

I am going to miss you. Are you going to be back for my birthday?

STUTI: We will certainly be back by the 12th of January.

We are going to be back by the 12th of January.

K. H G Wells is famous for his science fiction novels, such as *The Time Machine*. These are some of the predictions that he made in his novels.

Simple Past Tense

Q. Fill in the blanks using the words given in the bracket to form correct past tense:

1. Reena (stand) _____ next to Girish on the stage.
2. The river (freeze) _____ last winter.
3. Ravi (wear) _____ to the party.
4. I (buy) _____ a bunch of apples yesterday.
5. They all (sit) _____ on the carpet to hear the announcement.
6. Rachel (hide) _____ behind the door.
7. Judith (tell) _____ Lisa a secret.

Answer the questions for you. Use "for" and "since" in your answers.

1. How long have you studied English? (*for*)

2. How long have you known your best friend? (*since*)

3. How long have you been alive? (*for*)

4. How long have you lived in your house or apartment? (*since*)

5. How long have you had a cell phone? (*for*)

6. How long have you lived in this town or city? (*since*)

7. How long have you had an e-mail address? (*for*)

8. How long have you been awake today? (*since*)

