

# Quiznet

Topic: futures



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1. Which is the most natural question? '\_\_\_\_\_ anything tonight?'

- a) Are you doing
- b) Will you do
- c) Do you do
- d) Would you like to do

2. And the most natural answer? 'Sorry, \_\_\_\_\_ my hair'.

- a) I'm washing
- b) I will wash
- c) I wash
- d) I washed

3. What's the most natural way to complete this arrangement? 'Do you want to come and see a film? We \_\_\_\_\_ outside school at 7'.

- a) meet
- b) will meet
- c) 're meeting
- d) met

4. Which is the most natural question? 'I might meet you at the cinema, what time \_\_\_\_\_?'

- a) is the film starting
- b) will the film start
- c) does the film start
- d) did the film start

5. Which is the most natural future form? 'If you're not there, I \_\_\_\_\_ you a bell on your mobile'.

- a) 'm going to give
- b) give
- c) gave
- d) 'll give

6. Which is the most natural question? 'What \_\_\_\_\_ we have for dinner?'

- a) will
- b) do
- c) shall
- d) are

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Answers:

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**Use the present continuous tense to ask a question about someone's future plans or arrangements.**

We ask questions with will if you are asking about a future fact.

Use the present simple to ask about a schedule e.g. What time does the film start?

'Would you like to do...' is also possible, but we usually use 'something' with this question.

2. And the most natural answer? 'Sorry, \_\_\_\_\_ my hair'.

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- b) I will wash
- c) I wash
- d) I washed

**Use the present continuous tense to talk about future plans or arrangements.**

Use will if you are talking about a future fact.

Use the present simple to talk about a schedule e.g. The film starts in 5 minutes!

'I washed my hair' is the past tense.

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- c) **does the film start**
- d) did the film start

Use the present continuous tense to talk about future plans or arrangements.

Use will if you are talking about a future fact.

Use the present simple to talk about a schedule e.g. The flight takes just over an hour.

'...did the film start?' is the past tense.

5. Which is the most natural future form? 'If you're not there, I \_\_\_\_\_ you a bell on your mobile'.

- a) 'm going to give
- b) give
- c) gave
- d) **'ll give**

Use 'going to' to talk about something you have decided to do, e.g. 'I'm going to make some tea, do you want one?'

Use the present simple to talk about a schedule e.g. What time does your train get in?

'Gave' is the past tense.

We use 'will' when we make an instant decision.

6. Which is the most natural question? 'What \_\_\_\_\_ we have for dinner?'

- a) will
- b) do
- c) **shall**
- d) are

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'Are' is not correct.