Unit 17 · Future Plans

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS · ANSWER KEY

Full marks 28

Give the marks for the points in the marking scheme; an answer in other words that says the same is right.

1 Decided before, or decided now?

ANSWER HA · 6

Tests: *going to* for a plan made before now and for something you can see coming; *will* for an offer or a promise made as you speak, and for a guess about the far future; the same words take either, depending on when the decision was made.

a. 1. **are going to paint** (’re going to paint) · 2. **will wear** (’ll wear) · 3. **is going to fall** · 4. **will hold** (’ll hold) · 5. **will paint** · 6. **won’t tell** (will not tell: a promise)

(In 2, Srijan decides as he offers to help, so *will*. In 3 you may hear *He’ll fall!*, but *going to* is the form for something you can see coming: the shaking ladder.)

b. In 1, the plan was made **before**: Dad has already bought the paint. In 4, Srijan decides **just now**, as he sees the ladder shake: it is an offer, so *will*.

c. Decided last week: ***I’m going to buy a new bag.*** Seeing the tear just now: ***I’ll buy a new bag.***

MARKING SCHEME

✓ a. 1 and 3: *are going to paint*, *is going to fall*.
✓ a. 2 and 4: *will wear*, *will hold*.
✓ a. 5 and 6: *will paint*, *won’t tell*.
✓ b. 1 is a plan made before (the paint is bought).
✓ b. 4 is decided now, an offer, so *will*.
✓ c. *going to* if decided last week; *I’ll* if decided just now.

2 Which “going” is it?

ANSWER HA · 5

Tests: *going* can mean moving (now, or a plan with a future time), and *going to* + a plain verb is the future; tell them apart by what follows *to* and by the time words.

a. Now: **1** and **4**. Future: **2**, **3**, **5** and **6**.

b. Sentence **1** has *going to*, but it is about **now**: she is on her way to the market at this moment. Look at what comes after *to*:

- a **place** (*to the market*, *to Pokhara*, *to the party*): *going* means moving there. It is now (1), unless a future time like *next week* or *tomorrow* makes it a plan (2, 6).
- a **plain verb** (*to buy*, *to be*): it is the future (3, 5).

MARKING SCHEME

✓ a. 1 and 4 are now.
✓ a. 2 and 6 are the future.
✓ a. 3 and 5 are the future.
✓ b. Sentence 1 has *going to* and is about now.
✓ b. *Going to* + a place is moving (now, or a plan with a future time); *going to* + a plain verb is the future.

3 Saying the opposite

ANSWER

Tests: the short forms with *n’t*, *will not* changing to *won’t*, a sentence with no helper word (add *doesn’t* and the plain verb), *I am not* with no *n’t* form, and the apostrophe standing for the missing letter.

a.

1. *The baby **isn’t** asleep.*

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2. *My aunt **won't** come tomorrow.*
3. *Our dog **doesn't like** rain.*
4. ***I'm not** hungry.*
5. *They **haven't** finished their homework.*
6. *The shop **wasn't** open.*

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b. The three are 2, 3 and 4.

- **2:** *will not* changes to **won't**, not *willn't*.
- **3:** there is no helper word, so we add **doesn't**, and *likes* goes back to **like**.
- **4:** there is no *amn't*: we say **I'm not**.

c. ***doesn't*** and ***won't***. The apostrophe goes where letters are left out: in *doesn't*, where the **o** of *not* was, so just before the *t*.

MARKING SCHEME

✓ a. 1, 2 and 6 (*isn't*, *won't*, *wasn't*).
✓ a. 3, 4 and 5 (*doesn't like*, *I'm not*, *haven't*).
✓ b. 2: *will not* becomes *won't*.
✓ b. 3: no helper, so *doesn't* + the plain verb.
✓ b. 4: no *amn't*, so *I'm not*.
✓ c. *doesn't*, *won't*: the apostrophe where the letters of *not* are left out.

4 The plan for Mars

ANSWER

HA · 6

Tests: the plan as a chain in which each step needs the one before; *will* (sure) against *might, may, could* (not sure); a claim checked against the text's own words.

a. 1. Factories release greenhouse gases. 2. The gases change the atmosphere, and Mars gets warmer. 3. Rain falls. 4. Plants grow for food. 5. The plants add more oxygen to the air.
b. Plants need **water**. On Mars there is **no liquid water, just some ice.** The ice can only become rain once Mars is warmer, so the plants have to wait for the rain.
c. Sure: *The gases **will** help to change the atmosphere.* or *Rain **will** fall.* Not sure: *We **might** create similar conditions …*, *it **may** be possible to grow plants*, or *The project **could** take many centuries.* (*Will* sounds sure; *might*, *may* and *could* mean perhaps.)
d. Any two:

- the text says we have only **some** of the technology, and **not the money**;
- it **could take many centuries**, so not soon;
- there will be **many difficulties.**

MARKING SCHEME

✓ a. Gases first, then warmer.
✓ a. Rain, plants, then oxygen.
✓ b. Plants need water, and Mars has only ice until it is warmer.
✓ c. A sure sentence with *will* and a not-sure one with *might*, *may* or *could*.
✓ d. One thing from the text (some of the technology, not the money).
✓ d. A second (many centuries, or many difficulties).

5 A message that says no, and yes

ANSWER

Tests: the forms chosen by the story, *going to* for a plan already made, *will* for a choice and an offer made now, *won't* for a promise, in a message with its five parts.
A model:
20 November 2026
5:00 p.m.
Dear Aastha,

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*Thank you for asking me. I'm sorry, I can't come on Saturday. My family **is going to** go to my cousin's wedding in Banepa that day. Can we go on Sunday instead? I*'ll** meet you at the library at 10 a.m., and I**'ll** bring my new storybook for you. I **won't** be late, I promise! Please reply soon.*

Yours,
Nikita

(Any name; the date and time are the day you write.)

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ The five parts: date, time, salutation, body, signature.
- ✓ *Going to* for the wedding, the plan made before.
- ✓ *Will* (*'ll*) for the new plan and an offer.
- ✓ *Won't* for the promise.
- ✓ Says no to Saturday politely and asks for a reply.

Marks by level	Knowledge	Understanding	Application	Higher ability	**Total**
Marks	0	0	11	17	**28**

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