

Future Tenses

| When do we use the future in OET Writing? |
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| <p>Introduction: Mrs Smith will be discharged / will require follow up care: Purpose</p> <p>Request: detailed expansion on the purpose</p> <p>Purpose – is generally associated with the future tense in OET Writing</p> |

| Future Timestamps |
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| <p>Tomorrow</p> <p>Next year</p> <p>later</p> <p>next week</p> <p>25th May</p> <p>upcoming weeks</p> <p>in two days</p> <p>in the future</p> <p>for the next two weeks</p> <p>near future</p> <p>very soon</p> <p>this time next week</p> |

| Form | Function | Example |
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| present simple | scheduled events in the future | The train leaves at 9pm. Mr Smith undergoes his double lung transplant this afternoon. |
| present continuous be + verb + ing | arrangements in the future | I am meeting my parents this weekend. We are visiting a new care facility next week. |
| be + going to + infinitive | plan predictions about the near future – based on very noticeable evidence | Mr Smith is going to have an operation on his hip in May. I am going to sneeze! Be careful! You are going to fall off that ladder! |

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| will + infinitive | intentions / predictions – long term | <p>More formal than going to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Smith will require assistance with his ADLs. Mr Smith is going to require assistance with his ADLs. |
| future continuous will + be + verb + ing | an action or event happening at a specific time in the future | <p>This weekend, I will be swimming in Barbados.</p> |
| future perfect will + have + pp - remember 'by' | an action or event which happens before a specific time in the future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will have passed OET by 2029. I will have completed my NMC registration by November. I will not have finished my homework by the time of the party. |

Exercise

Think of a phrase that would be an appropriate response to the situation:

- Mr Smith: started 10 day antibiotics course 1st March (Today's date – 7th March)
- Joanne Farnham: recovered fully / discharge / today
- Ms Johnson: monitoring – exercise & medication regimen
- Geoff Harner: broke leg – full recovery time 3 months / ready to play start of next season

Answers

1. Mr Smith: started 10 day antibiotics course 1st March (Today's date – 7th March)
 - Mr Smith's antibiotic course **will be finished** on 10th March – **ok but we probably would use the active voice – 'will finish'**
 - By 10th March, Mr Smith **will have finished** his antibiotic course. – **good use of future perfect**
 - Mr Smith ~~will have~~ started his 10-day antibiotic course on 1st of March.
 - Mr Smith's antibiotics course **will be finished** on 10th March.
 - Mr Smith **will finish** his 10-day antibiotic course on 10th of March – **good use of future simple / active**
 - Mr. Smith **will finish** his antibiotics course on 10th of March

2. Joanne Farnham: recovered fully / discharge / today
 - Joanne Farnham has recovered fully and **will be discharged** today.
 - I am writing regarding Ms Joanne Farnham, who has recovered fully and **is being discharged** today.

3. Ms Johnson: monitoring – exercise & medication regimen
 - Ms Johnson's exercise and medication regimen **will require monitoring**.
 - Ms Johnson's exercise and medication regimen **will need to be monitored**.

4. Geoff Harner: broke leg – full recovery time 3 months / ready to play start of next season
 - Geoff Harner's leg fracture **will have healed** by the start of next season.
 - Geoff Harner **will have made** a full recovery by the start of next season.
 - Geoff Harner's leg fracture **will heal** over the next 3 months.
 - Geoff Harner's **will make** a full recovery over the next 3 months.