

**1 Going to future, will future, present progressive & simple present**

Which tense do you need for each of the following situations? Connect each situation and tense with a line.

1. You're talking about plans your family has made for the holidays.	will future
2. You want to ask for help (spontaneously).	going to future
3. You are talking about timetable information.	present progressive
4. You are talking about arrangements.	simple present

**2 The simple past & the past perfect**

a) Can you complete the following sentences?

I use the simple past if I want to say that

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I use the past perfect if I want to say that

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b) Which **signal words** do you know for each of these tenses? Write them into the boxes.

Simple past	Past perfect

**3 Mixed tenses: Chloe's diary**

Chloe is 70 years old now. She has never forgotten Alex. After so many years, she receives a letter in which Alex tells her that he is going to visit her – the next day! Chloe is excited and writes in her diary.

For the gap text on the next page, decide which tense you need for each verb in brackets. Then write the correct forms in the gaps.

Dear Diary,

Yesterday I *(get)* \_\_\_\_\_ a letter from Alex. He

*(visit)* \_\_\_\_\_ me tomorrow! After more than 50 years! His train

*(arrive)* \_\_\_\_\_ at 3 p.m. I *(pick)* \_\_\_\_\_

him up. My heart *(beat)* \_\_\_\_\_ right now.

*(I / recognize)* \_\_\_\_\_ him after so many years?

I remember my last phone call with Alex like it was yesterday... After my mother and I

*(leave)* \_\_\_\_\_ London to live in Manchester with my aunt, I

*(phone)* \_\_\_\_\_ him and *(tell)* \_\_\_\_\_

him that we *(can / not see)* \_\_\_\_\_ each other any more.

I *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ so sad!

But now I'm so happy! I *(make)* \_\_\_\_\_ a cake for Alex; my

chocolate cake *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ his favourite all those years ago. And

tomorrow I *(phone)* \_\_\_\_\_ the little French restaurant to reserve

a table for two. How romantic! I *(feel)* \_\_\_\_\_ like a young girl again.

When we *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_ young, we often *(go)* \_\_\_\_\_

to that cheap Italian place and *(order)* \_\_\_\_\_ pizza, family size.

We *(spend)* \_\_\_\_\_ every day together:

We *(watch)* \_\_\_\_\_ films, *(listen to)* \_\_\_\_\_ music,

*(go)* \_\_\_\_\_ into town for coffee.

But after we *(read)* \_\_\_\_\_ that horrible old diary,

we *(can / not do)* \_\_\_\_\_ any of those things any more.

I *(not want / leave)* \_\_\_\_\_ him then, he *(be)* \_\_\_\_\_

perfect! *(be / it)* \_\_\_\_\_ like that again?

## Lösungen:

## 1

1. going to future
2. will future
3. simple present
4. present progressive

## 2

a)

I use the simple past if I want to say that an action is finished.

I use the past perfect if I want to say that something happened before another action in the past.

b)

**simple past:** yesterday, yesterday morning/evening, last night/week/month/year, ago, the day before yesterday, in 1999

**past perfect:** after, when, as soon as, because

## 3

Yesterday I **got** a letter from Alex. He's **visiting** me tomorrow! After more than 50 years! His train **arrives** at 3 p.m. I'm **picking** him up. My heart **is beating** right now. **Will I recognize** him after so many years?

I remember my last phone call with Alex like it was yesterday ... After my mother and I **had left** London to live in Manchester with my aunt, I **phoned** him and **told** him that we **couldn't see** each other any more. I **was** so sad!

But now I'm so happy! I'm **going to make** a cake for Alex; my chocolate cake **was** his favourite all those years ago. And tomorrow I'm **going to phone** the little French restaurant to reserve a table for two.

How romantic! I **feel** like a young girl again. When we **were** young, we often **went** to that cheap Italian place and **ordered** pizza, family size. We **spent** every day together: We **watched** films, **listened to** music, **went** into town for coffee. But after we **had read** that horrible old diary, we **couldn't do** any of those things any more.

I **didn't want to leave** him then, he was perfect! **Will it be like that** again?