THE FUTURE TENSES 1

Present continuous (be + V-ing)

	+	–	?
I	am('m) working	am('m) not working	Am I working, studying, watching?
he	is('s) working	isn't working	Is he working?
she	is('s) studying	isn't studying	Is she studying?
it	is('s) watching	isn't watching	Is it watching?
we	are('re) working	aren't working	Are we working?
you	are('re) studying	aren't studying	Are you studying?
they	are('re) watching	aren't watching	Are they watching?

be going to (be + going to + V)

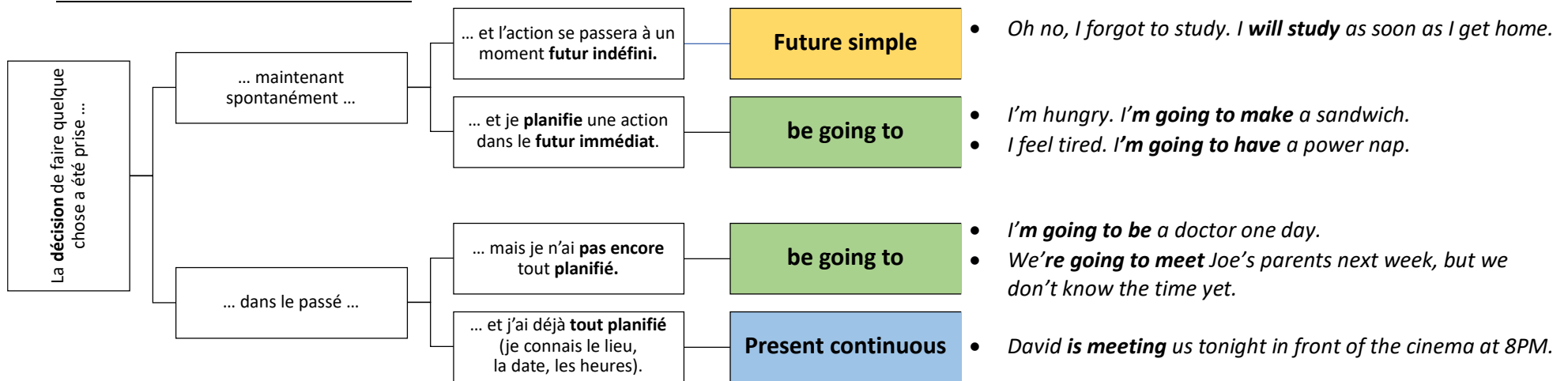|	+	–	?
I	am('m) going to work	am('m) not going to work	Am I not going to work
he	is('s) going to work	isn't going to work	Is he going to work
she	is('s) going to study	isn't going to study	Is she going to study
it	is('s) going to watch	isn't going to watch	Is it going to watch
we	are('re) going to work	aren't going to work	Are we going to work
you	are('re) going to study	aren't going to study	Are you going to study
they	are('re) going to watch	aren't going to watch	Are they going to watch

Future simple (will + V)

	+	–	?
I	will work	won't work	Will I work?
he	will work	won't work	Will he work?
she	will study	won't study	Will she study?
it	will watch	won't watch	Will it watch?
we	will work	won't work	Will we work?
you	will study	won't study	Will you study?
they	will watch	won't watch	Will they watch?

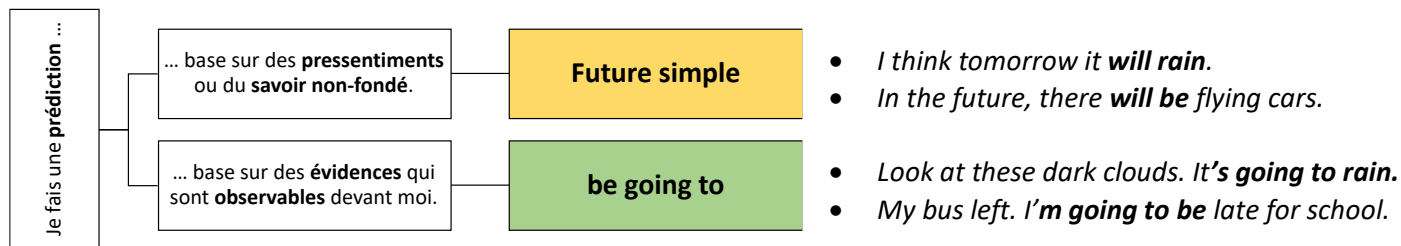**KEYWORDS to signal the future:**
tomorrow, today evening, within a week, next, in X weeks, on Sunday, later, shortly, soon,
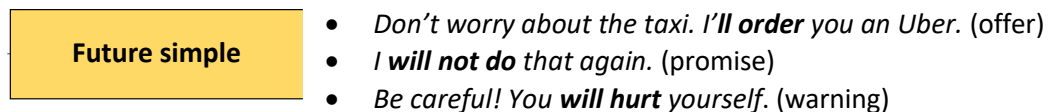
How to distinguish the different future tenses?

FUTURE PLANS & ARRANGEMENTS

La décision de faire quelque chose a été prise …

- **… maintenant spontanément …**
  - … et l'action se passera à un moment **futur indéfini.** → **Future simple**
    - Oh no, I forgot to study. I **will study** as soon as I get home.
  - … et je **planifie** une action dans le **futur immédiat.** → **be going to**
    - I'm hungry. I**'m going to make** a sandwich.
    - I feel tired. I**'m going to have** a power nap.
- **… dans le passé …**
  - … mais je n'ai **pas encore** tout **planifié.** → **be going to**
    - I**'m going to be** a doctor one day.
    - We**'re going to meet** Joe's parents next week, but we don't know the time yet.
  - … et j'ai déjà **tout planifié** (je connais le lieu, la date, les heures). → **Present continuous**
    - David **is meeting** us tonight in front of the cinema at 8PM.

PREDICTIONS

Je fais une prédiction …

- … base sur des **pressentiments** ou du **savoir non-fondé.** → **Future simple**
  - I think tomorrow it **will rain**.
  - In the future, there **will be** flying cars.
- … base sur des **évidences** qui sont **observables** devant moi. → **be going to**
  - Look at these dark clouds. It**'s going to rain.**
  - My bus left. I**'m going to be** late for school.

OFFERS, PROMISES & WARNINGS

Future simple

- Don't worry about the taxi. I'**ll order** you an Uber. (offer)
- I **will not do** that again. (promise)
- Be careful! You **will hurt** yourself. (warning)

You can use **probably, definitely / certainly** to express your certainty that something will happen in the future. ⚠️ Be careful with the word order when there is a negative ⚠️

- I **will** <u>certainly</u> **pass** the test.
- We <u>**probably**</u> **won't** go to France.
- You**'re** <u>definitely</u> **not going to catch** the bus.