

Practice

This section also includes time phrases used in expressing future time.

Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form.

- a) In twenty-four hours' time *I'll be relaxing*..... (I/relax) on my yacht.
- b) There's someone at the door.' That.....(be) the postman.'
- c) By the time you get back Harry.....(leave).
- d) It's only a short trip. I.....(be) back in an hour.
- e) What.....(you/do) this Saturday evening? Would you like to go out?
- f) By the end of the week we.....(decide) what to do.
- g) It.....(not/be) long before Doctor Smith is here.
- h) We'll go to the park when you.....(finish) your tea.
- i) It's very hot in here. I think I.....(faint).
- j) What.....(you/give) Ann for her birthday? Have you decided yet?

2 In most lines of this text there is an extra word. Write the extra word, or put a tick if the line is correct.

In August Gordon will then have been at his company for 25 years, 1 *then*.....
 and he's getting for a bonus of three weeks paid holiday. So we've 2
 decided to hire a car and drive around Eastern Europe. We'll be 3
 leaving towards the end of August, and our aim there is to visit as 4
 many countries as we can. We're flying out to Budapest - soon we're 5
 due to catch a plane on the 28th day - and then we'll be stopping over 6
 at a friend's house, before starting our grand tour. We'll most probably 7
 spend the best part of a week in Hungary. When we've just finished 8
 there, we'll probably be go to Romania, but beyond that we haven't 9
 planned too much arrangements. We will know a bit more by the end 10
 of this week, when we're getting a whole load of brochures from the 11
 tourist board. We'd like to get to as far as Russia, but realistically I 12
 doubt whether we'll have time. I hope it won't be too expensive - 13
 from till now on we'll really have to tighten our belts! I can't wait! 14
 In just over two months' of time we'll be having the time of our lives! 15

3 Choose the most appropriate continuation for each sentence.



- a) According to the latest forecast, the tunnel **A**
 A will be finished next year. B will have been finished next year.
 C is finishing next year.
- b) Paula's flight is bound to be late although.....
 A it arrives at 6.00. B it's due at 6.00. C it's arriving at six.
- c) It's no use phoning Bob at the office, he.....
 A will be leaving. B is leaving. C will have left.
- d) Everyone says that this year City.....
 A are going to win the Cup. B are winning the Cup. C win the Cup.
- e) I don't feel like visiting my relatives this year so.....
 A I won't go. B I'm not going. C I don't go.
- f) You can borrow this calculator, I.....
 A am not going to need it. B won't have been needing it.
 C am not needing it.
- g) I'm sorry dinner isn't ready yet, but it.....
 A is going to be ready in a minute. B will have been ready in a minute.
 C will be ready in a minute,
- h) Can you send me the results as soon as you.....
 A hear anything? B are hearing anything? C will have heard anything?
- i) You can try asking Martin for help but.....
 A it won't do you any good. B it's not doing you any good.
 C it won't be doing you any good,
- j) Don't worry about the mistake you made, nobody.....
 A is noticing. B will notice. C will be noticing.