

**G** Using different tenses is a good way of showing variety and complexity in your written and spoken French. Using the near future can help with this. When you are talking about what you are going to do or what is going to happen in the future, you use the **near future tense** (*le futur proche* in French).

To form this, you need the correct part of the verb *aller* (to go) in the present tense and an infinitive. This makes it easy to translate because we also use the verb 'to go' in English.

*Je vais manger.*

I'm **going to** eat.

*Nous allons partir.*

We are **going to** leave.


Remember all the parts of *aller*:

<i>je vais</i>	I'm going	<i>nous allons</i>	we are going
<i>tu vas</i>	you are going	<i>vous allez</i>	you are going
<i>il/elle/on va</i>	he/she/one is going	<i>ils/elles vont</i>	they are going

Remember that the infinitive is the part of the verb you find in the dictionary and always ends in *-er*, *-ir* or *-re*:  
e.g. *jouer*, *venir*, *prendre*.

## 1 Choose the correct form of *aller* to complete the near future sentences.

- 1 *Nous vas / allons* regarder un film.
- 2 *Je vas / vais* télécharger de la musique.
- 3 *Mon ami vont / va* arriver en retard.
- 4 *Tu vas / va* partir en vacances.
- 5 *Elles allons / vont* voir un concert.
- 6 *Vous allez / allons* sortir ce soir.

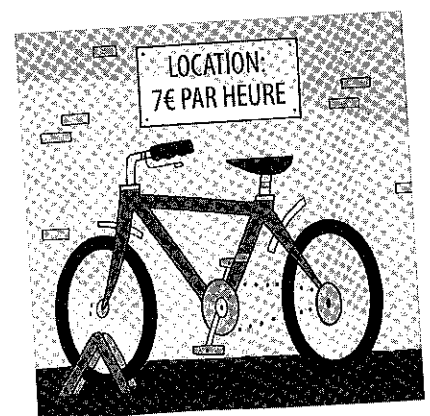
 The first word in the sentence has a capital letter!

## 2 Rewrite these near future sentences in the correct order.

- 1 visiter allons un Nous château .
- 2 vont leurs Elles devoirs faire .
- 3 tennis allez au jouer Vous ?
- 4 vais avec mes Je amis parler .
- 5 Les vont radio la écouter garçons .
- 6 vas finir devoirs tes Tu .
- 7 aller Elle à pêche la va .
- 8 manger Ils un dans restaurant vont .

## 3 Complete these near future sentences with the correct form of *aller*.

- 1 Vous ..... manger dans un petit restaurant en ville.
- 2 Je ..... jouer au squash avec mon ami.
- 3 Nous ..... faire du vélo.
- 4 Ils ..... vendre leurs ordinateurs.
- 5 Tu ..... acheter des provisions.
- 6 Elle ..... sortir bientôt.



**4 Fill in the gap with an appropriate verb in the infinitive.**

- 1 Je vais ..... du vélo.
- 2 Elle va ..... un sandwich.
- 3 Nous allons ..... la France.
- 4 Ils vont ..... au cinéma.

**5 Translate these sentences into English.**

1 Je vais faire les magasins cet après-midi.

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2 Elles vont regarder un film ce soir.

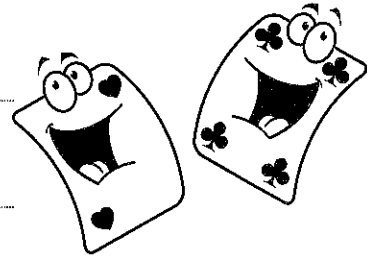
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3 Nous allons passer le week-end prochain à Paris.

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4 Ma famille va jouer aux cartes.

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**6 Translate these sentences into French.**

- 1 He is going to play football this morning.
- 2 We are going to visit the castle tomorrow.
- 3 I'm going to watch TV in my bedroom.

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★ Remember that there won't be a word for 'is', 'are' or 'am' before 'going'.

**H 7 Translate this passage into French.**

I'm going to spend the weekend at my friend's house. We are going to listen to music and chat with our friends on Skype. My brother is going to go windsurfing with my Dad and (in) the evening they are going to go to the ice rink. What are you going to do?

This needs *chez* followed by 'my friend'

Use *faire* not *aller* here.

Don't forget you don't need a word for 'in' here.

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