

## Future forms; Advanced future forms

## 1 Choose the best answer (a, b or c).

- I predict that they ..... electric scooters in this park after the next council meeting.  
a will ban      b ban      c are banning
- He ..... into trouble soon because the music really is too loud.  
a is getting      b isn't going      c is going to get to get
- The government ..... to discuss the new law on 2<sup>nd</sup> February next year.  
a will meet      b is meeting      c meets
- I've checked the timetable on the website, and our online communication course ..... tomorrow.  
a is going      b starts      c will start to start
- I ..... the fine. I don't agree with the court's findings.  
a am paying      b don't pay      c won't pay
- It's not our intention to punish everyone, so we ..... the use of slang at school just because of a few noisy students.  
a are not banning      b don't ban      c are not going to ban

## 2 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs. There is one extra verb.

email • get • get • go • leave • pay • sign up

'I (1) ..... with my card,' I say to the shop assistant. I'm not thinking much about the product I'm buying because I'm aware my flight (2) ..... in 30 minutes. Then she asks if I have a reward card. I don't, but she says I (3) ..... 25% off the price if I sign up. So I sign up, which means I have to give her my email address. As I leave the shop, I realise that I (4) ..... junk mail from this shop. They (5) ..... me all their special offers. I always say to myself that I (6) ..... for any more cards, but somehow I always forget!

## 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these verbs. There is one extra verb.

buy • do • finish • learn • not be • study

- She is on the verge of ..... a new house in the city centre.
- They ..... for the exam at this time next week.
- I ..... English for four years this summer.
- We ..... in the house for long when you come to visit.

- Jack is on the point of ..... his degree. He just has to revise his thesis.

## 4 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- Scientists say they are on the verge of find a cure for this disease.
- People will be complaining about the traffic for the next few months while the roadworks are in place.
- He won't have waiting long as he's usually late.
- They're on the point of voting for the bill now.
- By the end of the year, I have been waiting six months for the council to make a decision.

## 5 Complete the text with the correct form of these words.

appear • be • be • fly • get • join • make • publish • take • verge

## Big Brother: story or reality?

In 2024, the book *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

(1) ..... for 75 years. It (2) ..... in more than 65 languages. Did George Orwell believe his work was going to become something of a reality? Terms such as *big brother* and *room 101* are now part of the English language. The TV shows *Big Brother* and *Room 101* were very popular in the UK, although both ended in 2018, so there (3) ..... another season just yet. However, it's possible that one or both of them (4) ..... again in the future.

On a more serious note, the idea of Big Brother surveillance has become something of a reality. The UK's CCTV network captures people on video going about their daily life. I (5) ..... from Edinburgh to London next week. No doubt the cameras (6) ..... photos of me several times during my journey as part of general surveillance. Online surveillance is also huge with governments tracking the contents of email and social media in an attempt to combat terrorism. It seems likely that the UK police (7) ..... powers to view anyone's Internet history soon. It also appears that certain companies are (8) ..... knowing everything about us whether we like it or not. In the wider world, countries are forming partnerships to share intelligence with one another. It's more than likely that at some point all countries (9) ..... together to keep an eye on everyone. Big Brother really (10) ..... everywhere.