

Future forms; Advanced future forms

1 Choose the best answer (a or b).

- I think they electric scooters in this park after the next council meeting.
a will ban **b** ban
- He into trouble soon because the music really is too loud.
a is getting **b** is going to get
- The government to discuss the new law on 2nd February next year.
a meets **b** is meeting
- I've checked the timetable on the website, and our online communication course tomorrow.
a is going to start **b** starts
- I the fine. I don't agree with the court's findings.
a won't pay **b** don'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** are not going to ban

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs given.

'I (1) (pay) 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) (leave) in 30 minutes. Then she asks if I have a reward card. I don't, but she says I (3) (get) 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) (get) junk mail from this shop. They (5) (email) me all their special offers. I always say to myself that I (6) (sign up) for any more cards, but somehow I always forget!

3 Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 She is on the verge of buying/buy a new house in the city centre.
- 2 They 'll be studying/'ll study for the exam at this time next week.
- 3 I 'll have been learning/'ll be learning English for four years this summer.
- 4 We won't be being/won't have been in the house for long when you come to visit.
- 5 Jack is almost/on the point of finishing his degree. He just has to revise his thesis.

4 Find and correct the mistakes.

- 1 Scientists say they are on the verge of find a cure for this disease.
- 2 People will complaining about the traffic for the next few months while the roadworks are in place.
- 3 He won't have waiting long as he's usually late.

- 4 They're on the point voting for the bill now.
- 5 By the end of the year, I have been waiting six months for the council to make a decision.

5 Choose the best answer (A, B or C).

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) 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.

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| 1 | A will have been published | B will be published | C will be being published |
| 2 | A is going to appear | B will have appeared | C will appear |
| 3 | A won't be | B won't have been | C isn't being |
| 4 | A is being made | B will be made | C will be being made |
| 5 | A will fly | B 'm flying | C 'm going to fly |
| 6 | A will have taken | B are going to take | C will be taking |
| 7 | A will have got | B are getting | C get |
| 8 | A on the verge of know | B on the verge of knowing | C on the verge knowing |
| 9 | A are joining | B will have been joining | C are going to join |
| 10 | A be | B being | C will be |