Notes on future tense

thought or planning. The speaker may only be reporting a future event or asking a question about a future event.

*My parents are going to arrive at 8:00 tonight.*

*My parents will arrive at 8:00 tonight.*

*Our conversation teacher is absent today. Who is going to teach the class?*

*Our conversation teacher is absent today. Who will teach the class?*

*Is the president going to be in Denver tomorrow?*

*Will the president be in Denver tomorrow?*

**Note:** When you are communicating an idea, you will not necessarily give all the background information on an action you want to express. The previous plans and thoughts will stay in your mind. But when you use be going to, the listener will understand that you have given this action previous thought andJor planning.

**Note:** When the verb in the main clause is in a future tense, the verb in the dependent time clause is in the present tense, not in the future tense.

*Correct: I will come home after I finish shopping.*

*Incorrect: I will come home after I will finish shopping.*