

## Consolidation

- a Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases.

KEITH So, what <sup>1</sup>are you and Wendy doing this weekend? ✓

GAVIN Well, the school holidays <sup>2</sup>start on Friday and <sup>3</sup>we will go to the seaside with the kids. We can't stay away for long, though. Wendy's <sup>4</sup>due go into hospital on Monday.

KEITH Really? <sup>5</sup>Is she having an operation?

GAVIN Yes, but it's nothing too serious. It's only her wrist. <sup>6</sup>She'll be home again in the evening. What <sup>7</sup>do you and Jennifer do this weekend?

KEITH Sadly, Jennifer is working all weekend. Her company <sup>8</sup>is about to be taken over by a big multinational so everyone is worried <sup>9</sup>they're losing their jobs. So it looks like <sup>10</sup>I'll be spending the weekend on my own. I've decided that <sup>11</sup>I'm painting the outside of the house if the weather stays fine.

GAVIN That doesn't sound like much fun! Have a good weekend.



- b Read the news report and underline six different structures used to express the future.

One of the most talked-about matches in the history of tennis is due to take place this afternoon in New York. Current world number one Arturo Villa is to face his long-term rival Bill Everard in what is going to be a long and tough struggle for the top spot, according to commentators. Their last match was a narrow defeat for Everard. 'I have worked so hard to

come this far, and this time I'm 100% sure I'm about to become the most highly-ranked player in the world,' he commented in a pre-match press conference. When asked about his predictions for the match, Villa replied: 'I've never been on better form and I'm going to show him who's the boss, just like last time.' The match begins at five p.m. local time.

## Activation

- Use the information below to write another news report in one paragraph about a visit from the President. Use some of the structures from a and b.

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| 9 a.m.     | Arrival of President and First Lady in Lynnburg by helicopter, greeted by mayor.   |
| 10 a.m.    | Press conference at City Hall; First Lady time to meet the public.   |
| 11.30 a.m. | Visit to new city hospital; spend time with patients.  |
| 1 p.m.     | Formal lunch at City Hall with local officials and community leaders.  |
| 2 p.m.     | President: meeting with business leaders at city hall.<br>First Lady: speech at local high school, followed by theatrical performance by students. |
| 3.30 p.m.  | Tour of newly redesigned city gardens for President and First Lady.  |
| 5 p.m.     | End of visit; departure from Lynnburg by helicopter.   |



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