

## Practice

1 Only one sentence, A or B, is correct or appropriate in each pair. Tick (✓) the correct sentence and match the incorrect one with an explanation from 1–4 below.

- 1 A I'm going to fly to Thailand on Saturday if I get a standby ticket.  
B I'm flying to Thailand on Saturday if I get a standby ticket.
- 2 A We wouldn't have come if we'd known you were so ill. We're going to go back now.  
B We wouldn't have come if we'd known you were so ill. We'll go back now.
- 3 A I'm really sorry that I forgot to send the payment. I'll put it in the post tomorrow.  
B I'm really sorry that I forgot to send the payment. I am to put it in the post tomorrow.
- 4 A I'm afraid we aren't coming to your inaugural lecture.  
B I'm afraid we won't be coming to your inaugural lecture.

- 1 We don't use this structure to express a spontaneous decision.
- 2 This structure is direct and not polite enough.
- 3 This structure is too formal for the rest of the text.
- 4 The arrangement is not fixed so this structure is inappropriate.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Tessa has just been elected as a representative at her university. Read her statement and choose the correct options, A, B or C. If two options are correct, choose both, as in the example.



### MY FELLOW STUDENTS

Many thanks to those of you who voted for me in the student representative elections of 15 October.

I am now looking forward to our first meeting with the university council, which (0) ..... in ten days' time.

I feel that my interest in politics and my knowledge of the subject (1) ..... important factors in my representation. I am used to debating and I (2) ..... your views across clearly and firmly.

I believe strongly that student representatives should be involved in making academic decisions, and I (3) ..... for that to happen. Next year the university (4) ..... its number of degree courses to include law and medicine, which will put a strain on the existing infrastructure, i.e. buildings and facilities. I (5) ..... the authorities to ignore the problems this will bring.

My other main cause for concern is the escalating cost of transport. I can obviously do nothing about that, but I (6) ..... the university to delay the start of formal lectures and tutorials until after 10.00 a.m., to allow students to take advantage of cheaper off-peak fares.

Finally, let me remind you that all the elected student representatives (7) ..... their views in the main lecture theatre next Thursday evening at 7.00 p.m.

*Tessa Pinkerton*

- 0 (A) will be held (B) is to be held (C) will be being held  
 1 A are being B will be C are going to be  
 2 A will put B am putting C am to put  
 3 A am pushing B will push C will be pushing  
 4 A is going to increase B is increasing C shall increase  
 5 A will not allow B will not be allowing C am not going to allow  
 6 A am to press B will be pressing C am pressing  
 7 A are discussing B will be discussing C shall discuss