I'm going to ...

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I'm going to do something



She is going to watch TV this evening.

We use am/is/are going to ... for the future:

l he/she/it we/you/they		(not) going to	do drink watch
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am	1		buy ?
is	he/she/it	going to	eat ?
are	we/you/they		wear ?

I am going to do something = I have decided to do it, my intention is to do it:

I decided to do it

past

now

future

- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah is going to sell her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What **are** you **going to wear** to the wedding next week?
- (1) 'Your hands are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to wash them.'
- Are you going to invite Mark to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (\rightarrow Unit 25):

I am playing tennis with Julia tomorrow.

Something is going to happen

Something **is going to happen** = we can see *now* that it is sure to happen:

- O Look at the sky! It's going to rain. (black clouds $now \rightarrow rain$)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready.
 I'm going to be late.
 (9 o'clock now and not ready → late)



Exercises

26.1 What are these people saying?



26.2 Complete the sentences. Use going to + these verbs:

do give lie down walk eat stay -washwatch 1 My hands are dirty. Imgoing to wash them. 2 What are you going to wear to the party tonight? 3 It's a nice day. I don't want to take the bus. I 4 Steve is going to London next week. He with some friends.this sandwich. 5 I'm hungry. I 6 It's Sarah's birthday next week. Weher a present. for an hour. 7 Sue says she's feeling very tired. She 8 Your favourite programme is on TV tonight. ______you _____ it? when she leaves school? 9 WhatRachel ...

26.3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- 1 It's going to rain.
- 2 The shelf
- 3 The car
- 4 He
- 26.4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.
 - 1 l'm
 - 2
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