

**Present simple,
Present
continuous, Will and
Going to**





Present simple and present continuous

We can use the present simple to talk about things we do regularly. We can use the present continuous to talk about things we are doing now.

- *I **play** basketball every Sunday.*
- *I'm **playing** hockey now.*
- *She **eats** fruit every day.*
- *She's **eating** an apple now.*



Present simple and present continuous

How to use them

For the present simple, add *s* or *es* for *he*, *she* and *it*. For the negative, use *don't* for *I*, *you*, *we* and *they*, and *doesn't* for *he*, *she* and *it*.

- *I **watch** cartoons every day. I **don't watch** the news.*
- *My dad **makes** dinner every evening. He **doesn't make** lunch.*



Present simple and present continuous

For the present continuous, use *am*, *is* or *are* and *ing*. For the negative, use *not*.

*I'm **going** to the park now. I'm **not going** to school.*

*She's **studying** English now. She **isn't studying** maths.*



Present simple and present continuous

For present simple questions, use *do* for *I*, *you*, *we* and *they* and *does* for *he*, *she* and *it*.

For present continuous questions, change the order of *am*, *is* or *are* and the person.

- *What time **do you wake** up every morning?*
- ***Does she walk** to school every day?*
- ***Are you doing** your homework now?*
- *What **is he doing** right now?*



Will vs. Going to

When talking about an event that is going to happen in the future, there is more than one possibility. Most often, you will use the phrases 'will' or 'going to' in order to refer to an upcoming event.

Both "Will" and "Be Going to" are used to **express future tense** but they do not have the same meaning.

Will and Going to Similarity in Usage

- Both **Will** and **Going to** can be used for making future predictions without having a real difference in meaning.

Example:

*I think it **will** be foggy tomorrow. = I think it is **going to** be foggy tomorrow.*



Will and Going to Differences in Usage

- **Will** is used to express future actions decided at the moment of speaking while **Going to** describes future plans decided before the moment of speaking.

Examples:

I'll have salad now. (will)

*I'm **going to** visit my aunt next Friday. (going to)*



Will and Going to Differences in Usage

- **Will** is used to indicate a **prediction** based on personal opinions or experiences while **going to** is used to express a prediction based on present evidence.

Examples:

*I think United **will** win the game. (will)*

*Look at those black clouds. It **is going to** rain. (going to)*



Will and Going to Differences in Usage

- **Will** expresses a future fact; **going to** is used to describe something is about to happen.

Examples:

The sun will rise tomorrow. (will)

Get back! The bomb is going to explode. (going to)



Will and Going to Differences in Usage

- a. **Will** is used to make a promise, an offer, a threat or refusal.
- Examples:
- **A promise:**
 - a. *I promise I **won't** tell anyone you broke the window.*
- **An offer:**
 - a. *I'll take you to the airport tomorrow.*
- **A threat:**
 - a. *I'll tell your parents what you did.*
- **A refusal:**
 - a. *No, I **won't** cook your dinner, you can cook it yourself.*

WILL vs. GOING TO



WILL



GOING TO

- Express future actions decided at the moment of speaking (immediate decision)
E.g: I'll have salad now.
 - Express a prediction based on personal opinions or experiences
E.g: I think United **will** win the game.
 - Express a future fact
E.g: The sun **will** rise tomorrow.
- Express future plans decided before the moment of speaking (prior plans)
E.g: I'm **going to** visit my aunt next Friday.
 - Express a prediction based on present evidence
E.g: Look at those black clouds. It **is going to** rain.
 - Express that something is about to happen
E.g: Get back! The bomb **is going to** explode.



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Worksheets

<https://agendaweb.org/verbs/present-continuous-present-simple.html>

[https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en/English_as_a_Second_Language_\(ESL\)/Will_vs_going_to/Will_v_Going_to_mz1387uv](https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en/English_as_a_Second_Language_(ESL)/Will_vs_going_to/Will_v_Going_to_mz1387uv)