Be about to

Be (just) about to allows us to express an imminent action, or a very near future:

**The train is just about to leave.** The train will leave very soon.

**I was about to be promoted when the new boss took over.**  I was going to be promoted when the new boss arrived at the company.

**Remember, (Be)** about (*without “to”*) is often used to find out or express what the subject or content is.

**What is the film about?** What is the subject of the film?

**It’s about giant spiders on the moom.** The content of the film is giant spiders on the moon.

We can also use ***about to*** mean “concerning” or “approximately”.

**Jean is excited about going to England.** Going to England excites Jean

**There were about 30 people at the press conference.** There were approximately 30 people present at the press conference.