**Lesson 10: Will & Be going to**

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oth refer to the future, and there is a slight difference between the two though in most cases they can be used interchangeably with no difference in meaning. Even if you misuse them, a native speaker is going to understand you without any problems.

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| **Form (WILL)** | **Examples** |
| Positive: S + **will** + **Verb base form** + … | **Ex.** We **will play** sports together this evening. |
| Negative: S + **will** + **not** + **Verb base form + …** | **Ex.** Tom **won’t help** us with our homework. |
| Questions: **Will** + S + **Verb base form + … ?** | **Ex. Will** they **come** to school at weekends? |
| **Note**: The modal auxiliary verb “**will**” won’t be changed according to all persons (I, He, She, It, You, We, They) in English. | |
| **Uses (WILL)** | **Examples** |
| 1. To make plans or decisions at the time of speaking | **Ex.** “We need some paper for the photocopier.” “Okay, I**’ll** go and get some.” |
| 2. To make predictions about the future. | **Ex.** I think it **will** rain tomorrow. |
| 3. To offer to do something. | **Ex.** I**’ll** take you to the airport tomorrow. |
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| **Form (Be going to)** | **Examples** |
| Positive: S + **am/is/are + going to + Verb base form**  **🡺 I + am + going to + Verb base form**  **🡺 He/She/It** or **Singular noun + is + going to + Verb base form**  **🡺 You/We/They** or **Plural noun + are + going to + Verb base form** | **Ex.** Tom and Jerry **are going to get** married soon.  **Ex. I am going to be** a teacher when I grow up.  **Ex. She is going to visit** Canada next week.  **Ex. They are going to have** a party on Saturday. |
| Negative:  🡺 S + **am/is/are + not + going to** + **Verb base form** | **Ex.** We **are not going** anywhere this weekend. |
| Question:  **🡺 Am/Is/Are** + S + **going to** + **Verb base form?** | **Ex. Are** they **going to learn** a new skill for their job? |
| **Uses (Be going to)** | **Examples** |
| 1. To make plans or decisions before the time of speaking | **Ex.** I**’m going to** the beach next month with my friends. |
| 2. To make predictions about the future with evidence. | **Ex.** It’s 20-0. They**’re going to win** this football match. |

**Practice**

**A. Instruction**: Match phrases in column A with those in B to make sentences.

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| **A** | **B** |
| 1. Next year, we won’t  2. I don’t think anything will  3. Hurry up! The plane  4. My brother is going to come  5. He’s never going to  6. What are you going to do  7. Look at the sky! Do you think it’s going to  8. What are you going to | a. this evening?  b. do tomorrow?  c. rain later?  d. will take off at seven.  e. be in the same class together.  f. to this school next year.  g. happen if you don’t come.  h. speak to me again after this. |

**Write your answers here**:

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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
| **e** | **g** | **d** | **f** | **h** | **a** | **c** | **b** |

**B. Instruction**: Correct the mistakes.

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| 1 | He going to be an IT engineer when he grows up. | 🡺 | He is going to be an IT engineer when he grows up. |
| 2 | I don’t think I am inviting him. | 🡺 | I don’t think I am going to invite him. |
| 3 | I think this concert will being very cool! | 🡺 | I think this concert will be very cool! |
| 4 | Look out! You going to break the glass! | 🡺 | Look out! You are going to break the glass! |
| 5 | We are never going get out of here! | 🡺 | We are |
| 6 | Are you helping me, please? | 🡺 | Are you going to help me, please? |
| 7 | What you are going to doing now? | 🡺 | What are you going to do now? |
| 8 | I know he won’t to like the idea. | 🡺 | I don’t know he won’t like the idea. |
| 9 | Dave will going to fly a kite tomorrow. | 🡺 | Dave is going to fly a kite tomorrow. |
| 10 | Are you going to make me a sandwich, please? | 🡺 | Will you go to make me a sandwich, please? |

**C. Instruction**: Circle the correct future tense phrase in the following sentences.

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| 1 | I am feeling energetic. So, I think I (will / am going to) wash my car. |
| 2 | It has been decided that we (will / are going to) to climb Mount Everest next week. |
| 3 | -Who wants to come with me to the movie tonight?  -Oh that sounds fun. I (will / am going to) come with you. |
| 4 | We have already made plans for the vacation. We have decided that we (will / are  going to) visit Uncle Bill in Siem Reap. |
| 5 | Tonight seems like a nice night to be outside. I think I (will / am going to) go for a  walk after dinner. |
| 6 | *-Have you thought about what you want to do after college?*  *-Yes, I have decided that I (will / am going to) become an engineer.* |
| 7 | I guess I (will / am going to) help you clean the kitchen if no one else will. |
| 8 | My car tires look low on air. I think I (will / am going to) fill them up at the next  gas station. |
| 9 | The weather man said that it (will / is going to) rain tomorrow. |
| 10 | Okay, I have an idea. After we play the game, we (will / are going to) get some  ice cream! |
| 11 | I think my dad said we (will / are going to) go to the beach this weekend. |
| 12 | Same feels sick. He (will / is going to) stay home from work tomorrow. |
| 13 | I (will / am going to) finish my homework later tonight. |
| 14 | I left my wallet at home. That’s ok. I (will / am going to) lend you some money. |
| 15 | The sky is very dark. It (will / is going to) rain. |
| 16 | Frank (will / is going to) take a two week holiday next year. |