**Lesson 9: Will Vs. Be going to Vs. Present Progressive**

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| **Will** | **Be going to** | **Present Progressive** |
| **Form**  **S + will + verb (base form)**   * She *will go* there. * *Will* she *go* there? | **Form**  **S + am/is/are + going to + verb (base form)**   * She *is going to go* there. * *Is* she *going to go* there? | **Form**  **S + am/is/are + verb (ing)**   * She *is going* there. * *Is* she *going* there? |
| **Use**  *A decision at the moment of speaking*   * I don’t want to play football today, so I’ll go home after school.   *A future fact*   * I'm sure that the baby will have blue eyes like her mother.   *A prediction based on opinion*   * I don't think he will come.   *For promises / requests / refusals / offers / belief / opinion / hope*   * George says he will help us. | **Use**  *The decision has been made before the moment of speaking.*   * I’m going to buy something for the party.   *A plan that we wait for a long time to happen*   * I’ve decided that I’m going to become an engineer.   *Something is likely to happen based on the evidence or experience you have.*   * Look at those black clouds. It’s going to rain. | **Use**  *Definite* *future arrangements or appointment*   * We are getting married next week.   *Future intentions that have been decided but have not been fully planned a long time before*   * We are hanging out this weekend. |

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Decide whether each sentence below is used with* ***will****,* ***be going to****, or* ***present progressive****. Circle the correct answers (a, b, or c).*

1. What do you think the weather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) like tomorrow?

a. will be b. is going to be c. is being

1. Look! Pam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (jump) into the swimming pool.

a. will jump b. is going to jump c. is jumping

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) more sweets before dinner. I promise.

a. won’t eat b. am not going to eat c. am not eating

1. On Saturday morning, Greg \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his friends.

a. will meet b. is going to meet c. is meeting

1. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) after this lesson?

a. will you do b. are you going to do c. are you doing

1. I’m afraid Helen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pass) her final exam because she didn’t study hard enough.

a. won’t pass b. isn’t going to pass c. isn’t passing

1. It’s nearly 11 o’clock. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (set off) soon.

a. will set off b. am going to set off c. am setting off

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Jessie / be) back soon? I need to talk to her.

a. Will Jessie be b. Is Jessie going to be c. Is Jessie being back

1. Your T-shirt has a stain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / wash) it?

a. Will you wash b. Are you going to wash c. Are you washing

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the money I’ve been saving for the last five months on a new laptop.

a. will spend b. am going to spend c. am spending

1. Don’t worry! I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) anyone about your secret.

a. won’t tell b. am not going to tell c. am not telling

1. I can't eat anything today. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) an appointment at the hospital tomorrow.

a. will have b. am going to have c. am having

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (help) you with your IT project.

a. will help b. am going to help c. am helping

1. OK, you are not free on Thursday. What about Friday night? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) anything?.

a. Will you do b. Are you going to do c. Are you doing

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) abroad? In which country would you live?

a. Will you live b. Are you going to live c. Are you living

1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) our cousins tonight.

a. will meet b. are going to meet c. are meeting

1. Steve is tired. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) a short nap.

a. will take b. is going to take c. is taking

1. James Jones \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (become) the next President.

a. will probably become b. is probably going to become c. is becoming

1. We've already booked the tickets. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) by the 10.15 train.

a. will leave b. are going to leave c. are leaving

1. Do you think you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) children in the future? How many children would you like to have?

a. will have b. are going to have c. are having

**Instruction 2:** *Use the verbs in brackets to complete the following sentences in the most common form (will, be going to, or present progressive).*

* + - 1. Tony \_\_\_\_\_\_\_is going to meet\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a friend tomorrow.
      2. I think it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will snow\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (snow) soon.
      3. Perhaps I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will visit\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) New York one day.
      4. What time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_are you going to leave\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave/you) tomorrow?
      5. Who \_\_\_\_\_\_will win\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (win) the next World Cup?
      6. I'm sure you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_are not going to fail\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not fail) the exam next week.
      7. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_am going to visit\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my parents at the week-end.
      8. Don't touch that dog. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is biting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (bite) you.
      9. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will come\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) for a meal tonight.
      10. You must take an umbrella. It \_\_\_\_\_\_will rain\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
      11. I \_\_\_\_\_\_am going\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema tonight. I already have a ticket.
      12. I don't know where to go on summer holiday yet. Perhaps I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will stay\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home.
      13. I’m really exhausted. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_am having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a rest.
      14. Betty is going to driving lessons because she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is going to buy\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a car.
      15. She has just missed her train, so I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_is driving\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drive) her there.
      16. I can eat something today. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_am not going to have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not, have) an appointment at the hospital tomorrow.
      17. The Sharks are much better! I'm sure they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_are beating\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (beat) the Dolphins today!
      18. I hope my son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will become\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (become) a dentist.
      19. Not at five o'clock. Look at the diary. We \_\_\_\_\_are meeting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Mr. Clark at 3 o'clock.
      20. My dad has already booked the holiday. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_are going to fly\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to France on 2 July.