

What are you going to do?

I'm going to drive from Alaska to Argentina.

12A Trip of a lifetime

1 GRAMMAR future: *be going to*

- a **4 39** Dan Grec is a traveler from Australia. He blogs about his travels at TheRoadChoseMe.com. Read and listen to the blog post. Complete it with the verbs from the list.

be come back camp drive have
 learn make take travel write



Next week, I'm going to ¹ drive my car 50,000 kilometers on the Pan American Highway. The road goes from the Arctic Ocean in Alaska to Ushuaia in the south of Argentina. I'm very excited!

I'm going to ² _____ alone, but I'm going to ³ _____ friends on the road. I can't speak any Spanish, but I'm going to ⁴ _____. I'm going to ⁵ _____, and maybe sometimes stay in small hotels.

I think I'm ready for my trip. I'm not going to ⁶ _____ any problems. I have my car, a tent, a camera, a laptop, and a lot of maps. I also went to the doctor and got some shots, so I'm going to ⁷ _____ healthy.

When am I going to ⁸ _____? I don't know! The trip is going to ⁹ _____ about a year. I'm going to ¹⁰ _____ about it on this blog. So check here for all the news!

- b Do you think Dan is ready for his trip?
- c Read the blog again. Are the **highlighted** words about the present, the past, or the future?

- d Complete the sentences in the chart.

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| + | I'm _____ drive my car 50,000 kilometers. |
| - | I'm _____ have any problems. |
| ? | When _____ to come back? |

- e **p.114 Grammar Bank 12A.** Learn more about future: *be going to* and practice it.

2 PRONUNCIATION

sentence stress

- a **4 41** Listen to the sentences. Underline the stressed words.

- I'm going to drive from Alaska to Argentina.
- I'm going to go alone.
- I'm not going to have any problems.

- b **4 42** Listen to the questions. Underline the stressed words.

- When are you going to go?
- Where are you going to drive?
- Are you going to go alone?
- When are you going to come back?
- Are you going to write about your trip?

- c In pairs, role-play an interview with Dan. Ask and answer the questions in b. Use the information from the blog post in 1a.

When are you going to go? (I'm going to go next week.)

- d **4 43** Listen and make + sentences with *going to* about tomorrow.

go to work (I'm going to go to work tomorrow.)

- e What are you going to do tomorrow? Write five things you are going to do, four true and one false. Read them to a partner. Can he/she guess which thing is false?

Tomorrow I'm going to have lunch in an expensive restaurant. I'm going to go to a party at my friend's house...