



“Be Going To” (Future)

Grammar > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Learning

The difference between 'Be Going To' and 'Will'

1. '**Will**' is used in formal speech/writing and '**be going to**' is not.

- *Formal 'will'*: The President **will** visit Cuba and Panama next month.
- *Casual 'be going to'*: We're **going to** go to the park; do you want to come?

2. '**Be going to**' is not used for decisions we just made.

- I'll take you there. (**I'm going to** would be wrong here, since he just made this decision.)

How to Form the Future 'Be Going To'

Positive form: [subject] + **am/is/are** + **going to** + [plain verb]

- I **am going to run** there.
- It **is going to rain**.
- They **are going to buy** the car.



Negative form: **be not + going to**

- I **am not going to go** on vacation this summer
- They **are not going to stay** here.

Interrogative form: **(question word) + helping verb 'be' + subject + going to + main verb?**

- **Are you going to do** anything this weekend?
- **What are you going to do** this weekend?

Note that the question word '**who**' is sometimes a subject.

In this case, the formulation becomes: **subject 'who' + helping verb 'be' + main verb –ing**

Ex: **Who is going to come** tonight?



Future 'Be Going To' Usage

We use it to talk about future plans and intentions. It's used like Future Simple Tense, however, we talked about the difference between them.

In casual spoken English, people often use the contracted form '**gonna**':

- **You're gonna leave** soon, right?
- **Is it gonna rain** later?



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate future tense ('will' or 'going to') of the verb.

1. I _____ to the beach today. Do you want to come along? (go)
2. What a great idea! Of course I _____! (come)
3. I _____ to the beach. Megan invited me yesterday. (go)
4. Fewer tourists _____ local beaches after the hurricane. (visit)
5. It's 8:15! You _____ late for school! (be)
6. Okay, I _____. (hurry up)
7. It looks like it _____. (rain)
8. I see, I _____ an umbrella. (take)



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: to do. → What are you going to do?

Content:

1. see her family.
2. buy a dog.
3. go to work.
4. play with my toys.
5. call my friend.
6. eat out.