

Modal verbs

Modal Verb	Uso	Esempio
Can	Abilità, possibilità, permesso, richieste	I can swim.
Could	Abilità passata, possibilità, richieste educate	I could swim when I was younger.
May	Possibilità, permesso formale	I may go to the party.
Might	Possibilità remota	I might win the lottery.
Must	Obbligo, deduzione	I must go now.
Shall	Offerte, suggerimenti (raro)	Shall we dance?
Should	Consiglio, raccomandazione	You should study harder.
Will	Futuro, offerte, richieste, promesse	I will help you.
Would	Richieste educate, abitudini passate, condizionali	Would you like some tea?

Future

Will

Utilizzi

- Esprime una decisione presa nel momento in cui parli/una maggiore sicurezza di "to be going to"
- Offerte/suggerimenti/intenzioni più sicure
- Tendenzialmente si ha sempre almeno un tempo/un'indicazione di tempo

Esempi

- I will go to play soccer tomorrow
 - Giocherò a calcio domani
- I will graduate in July
 - Mi laureerò in Luglio

To be going to

Utilizzi

- Intenzioni di fare un'azione

- Previsione di qualcosa che accadrà

Esempi

- I am going to play basketball this evening
 - (Giocherò a basket questa sera)
- Tomorrow it's going to be raining
 - (Pioverà domani)

Will vs To be going to

WILL vs BE GOING TO

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WILL		BE GOING TO	
+	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">I will pay.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">I'll pay.</div>	+	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">He is going to pay.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">He's going to pay.</div>
-	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">I will not pay.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">I won't pay.</div>	-	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">He is not going to pay.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">He isn't going to pay.</div>
?	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">Will you pay?</div>	?	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Is he going to pay?</div>
Ans.	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Yes, I will.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">No, I will not./No, I won't.</div>	Ans.	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Yes, he is.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">No, he is not./No, he isn't.</div>

MEANING

PREDICTIONS (We think sth will happen)

➔ He **will** love your present.

➔ They **won't** win their next match.

DECISIONS (Instant decisions)

➔ "We don't have milk." "Don't worry, I'll **buy** some milk after work."

MEANING

PREDICTIONS (We see sth will happen)

➔ Stop! We're **going to** crash!

➔ Look at those clouds. It's **going to** rain.

DECISIONS (Intentions and plans)

➔ I'm **going to** have a drink after work.

➔ We **are going to** get married soon.

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Usage	Will	To Be Going To
Decisions made at the moment of speaking	✓	X
Predictions based on opinion or belief	✓	X

Usage	Will	To Be Going To
Promises, offers, requests, threats	✓	✗
Future facts, certainties	✓	✓
Plans and intentions	✗	✓
Predictions based on present evidence	✗	✓
Example	I will help you.	I am going to study tonight.