

- 2 *Be going to* has another use – that of predicting something based on current evidence:
- a *England **are going to lose** in the cricket again.*
 - b *That woman's **going to trip**.*
 - c *Do you think it's **going to snow**? – Yes, definitely.*

What could be the possible evidence for the predictions above?

- 3 Listen to the three sentences above being spoken. In which sentence is *going to* pronounced /gənə/? Native speakers very often use this weak form. It is more informal than the full form.

- 14 1 *Will + infinitive (or won't + infinitive) is used with predictions based on opinions or our experience, with hopes and with assumptions. Study these examples:*

- 1 *He'll **call** you when he gets there. Don't worry.*
- 2 *I hope we'll **be able** to go out today – it hasn't stopped raining.*
- 3 *In the future, people **will live** for much longer than they do now.*
and with future events that are not yet arranged:
- 4 *I think I'll **visit** my grandmother this weekend.*
We also use *will* for spontaneous offers or decisions.
- 5 *I'm not sure I follow you. – I'll **explain** it again.*

- 2 Listen to the sentences above, paying particular attention to the pronunciation of the contraction 'll. Repeat what you hear.

- 15 1 Choose the correct future forms in bold to complete the dialogue.

Sarah: (1) **Are you doing/Will you do** anything special for New Year?

Laura: Well, I might go to Granada. (2) **I'm looking/I'm going to look** online tonight to try and find a good last-minute deal. I kept tonight free on purpose because I know these things take ages!

Sarah: Oh, don't worry. (3) **I'm going to help/I'll help** you.

Laura: Oh, brilliant. Thanks. How about you? (4) **Are you going/Will you go** away?

Sarah: Yes. Steve and I (5) **are spending/will spend** two weeks with my parents in Scotland.

Laura: Oh, that (6) **is going to be/will be** lovely.

- 2 Practise talking about the future with a friend. Below are some ideas for topics:

- your plans for the weekend and for New Year/Christmas/your birthday
- the future plans of people you know
- the weather tomorrow/next week
- some current news/sports stories (predict how they will develop)

Example: *You know that volcanic eruption? I don't think they'll find any survivors. Do you?*