

Unit 2: Future

Lesson D: Expressing steps in a plan

V: Celebrations and milestones
G: Be Going To

17. Read about these stories and answer the questions.

In some Central American and Caribbean countries, a girl's 15th-birthday is very important. Here, Elsa Mendoza prepares her niece, Annalien, for her 15th birthday photographs. Annalien would like to study acting in Havana. Her aunt told her she has to finish school first. "She's not ready to go to the big city yet."



Zanelle is an Ndebele from South Africa.

Today is her big day. She is going to get married. However, she is not truly married until she has her first child. She says "I would like to have a lot of children. But most of all, I would like to be happy."

This is Vasili and Olga Karezin. They are from the Ukraine. Today is their golden wedding anniversary. They got married 50 years ago. What are they going to do on this special day?



They are going to have a meal with their family and friends. And then they are going to dance all night.

Answer the questions

Why is today Zanelle's big day?

How old is Annalien?

What are Vasili and Olga celebrating?

What would she like to do?

What are they going to do?

Check out the underline sentences. Are they wishes, plans or predictions?

	Will	Would like to	Be going to		
FUNCTION	"WILL" se utiliza para Para predicciones, para decisiones tomadas en el momento, para indicar la intención de que algo suceda (promesas).	"WOULD LIKE TO" equivale a "gustaría" en español. Se utiliza para expresar deseos para el futuro, hacer ofertas, o hablar de preferencias.	"GOING TO" equivale a "ir a" en español. Se utiliza para expresar el futuro: Para planes concretos, cuando estamos seguros de que algo va a suceder, para indicar la intención de que algo suceda, para hacer predicciones.		
AUXILIARY	WILL	WOULD	I AM	YOU / WE / THEY ARE	HE / SHE / IT IS
STRUCTURE	AFFIRMATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary + Verb + Complement <i>I will finish it later.</i>	AFFIRMATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary + LIKE TO + Verb + Complement <i>I would like to have children.</i>	AFFIRMATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary + GOING TO + Verb + Complement <i>I am going to do homework.</i>		
	NEGATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary (+NOT) + Verb + Complement <i>We won't forget</i>	NEGATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary (+NOT) + LIKE TO + Verb + Complement <i>We wouldn't like to do that.</i>	NEGATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary (+NOT) + GOING TO + Verb + Complement <i>She isn't going to have lunch here.</i>		
	QUESTIONS: Auxiliary + Subject + Verb + Complement <i>Will it rain tomorrow?</i>	QUESTIONS: Auxiliary + Subject + LIKE TO + Verb + Complement <i>Would you like to travel?</i>	QUESTIONS: Auxiliary + Subject + GOING TO + Verb + Complement <i>Are you going to watch a film later?</i>		
TIME EXPRESSION	later, tomorrow, soon. tomorrow, tonight, next week, next month.				

Write three wishes and think about three things you can do to make your wish happen (plans).

I would like to open three new stores next year, so I'm going to do market research. I'm also going to rent new offices. I'm going to hire new employees. It will be great!