**Future Plans**

When we refer to the future, we can use "be going to + do" or "will do". It seems a little confusing when we use those expressions though in most cases they can be used interchangeably with no difference in meaning. Even if you misuse them, a native speaker is going to understand you without any problems.

Use be going to do:

1. when you have already decided or you INTEND to do something in the future. (Prior Plan)

Example:

They're going to retire to the beach. In fact they have already bought a little beach house. (The decision has been made before the moment of speaking.)

More examples:

Sue and I have decided to have a party. We're going to invite lots of friends.

A: Have you decided what to do about that job that was advertised? B: Yes. I'm not going to apply for it.

2. when there are definite signs that something is going to happen. (Evidence)

Something is likely to happen based on the evidence or experience you have.

Example:

I think it's going to rain. I just felt a drop. (It's likely to rain, and the evidence is the drop I just felt.)

More examples:

I don't feel well. I think I'm going to throw up. (throw up = vomit)

The bus is very slow. We're going to arrive late.

Use will do:

1. when you are not sure about your plans. Expressions like 'probably', 'possibly', 'I think', and 'maybe' can be used with will:

Example:

A: What are you going to do on summer vacation? B: I'm not sure. Maybe I will go camping with some friends. (The speaker is not sure what to do.)

More examples:

**I will probably work late today.**

**Where are you going to stay? I don't know yet.** I think I won't stay at the hotel. It's too expensive. (won't = will not)

2. for things that you decide to do now. (sudden decisions)

Example:

A: It’s too expensive to fly on Friday. It’s nearly £200, and it’s only £25 to fly on Thursday. B: We’ll fly on Thursday then.

(The decision is made at the speaking moment in a spontaneous way.)

More examples:

A: My phone is ringing. B: Ok mom. I will get it for you.

A: There is no milk. B: Ok. I will go and get some.

A: I'm really hungry. B: I**'ll make** some sandwiches.

Remember:

Be going to + infinitive (be going to travel, buy, study)

Will + infinitive (will fly, go, stay)

For negatives use not with both expressions:

I'm not going to sell my house.

I will not stay at the hotel.

*Now go to your text book for more examples, and then do the task on page 31.*

GOOD LUCK