

GRAMMAR

Using *will* and *going to*

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

EN_B1_2052G

LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can distinguish between different future forms and explain each of their uses.
- I can use future forms to describe what I think the future of music will be like.



Warm-up

Do you think you will listen to the same kind of music in 10 years?



Do you think people will still listen to music on the radio in 25 years?

Guess the band

1. **Read** these 2 music reviews of the same band.
2. **Answer** the questions in the box below.

- 1 We can't stop it - the British Invasion is going to happen. Fashion, music, and movies from across the pond are already taking the country by storm. But I think this British band will quickly be forgotten.
(The Evening Standard)



- 2 This English rock band is all hype! I predict that no one will remember them when their young listeners grow up. Sure, their unremarkable music is going to be played on the radio, but not for long.
(The Big Big Beat)



1. Based on the pictures, in which decade do you think the reviews were written? The 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, or the 1980s?
2. What band were the critics writing about? Were they right or wrong about them?



The band is all **hype**!

They are **taking the country by storm**!

What band, movie, or TV show do you think is all **hype**?

What's something that's **taken your country by storm**?

Future form with *will* and *going to*

1. **Read** one of the reviews a second time. 2. **Answer** the questions in the blue boxes below.

We can't stop it - the British Invasion *is going to* happen. Fashion, music, and movies from across the pond are already taking the country by storm. But I think this British band *will* quickly be forgotten.

- In which part of the review (**blue** or **purple**) is the critic writing about what they **believe**, or **guess**, will happen?
- In which part of the review (**blue** or **purple**) is the critic writing about something based on present **evidence**?

- Which verb form follows '*will*' and '*going to*' in the review: the **infinitive** or the **bare infinitive**?

Future form with *going to*

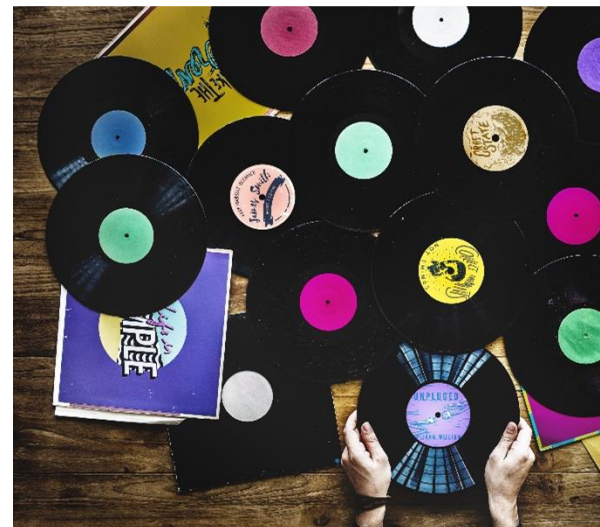
1. **Read** the sentences. 2. **Complete** the blue box below.

Many young men **are going to** grow their hair out like The Beatles.

Everyone wants to see them! It **is going to** be a sold-out show.

Look at the line. We **are not going to** get tickets.

- We use **going to + bare infinitive** to say that a future action or event is on the way or starting to happen.
- We use the auxiliary verb _____ before **going to**.
- We use the word _____ for the negative. For example:
It is _____ going to be a sold-out show.
- What are the contractions of **are not** and **is not**?





Future form with *will*

1. **Read** the sentences. 2. **Answer** the questions in the blue box below.

I predict that no one **will** remember them in 20 years.

I think that they **will not** be remembered.

- We use **will + bare infinitive** to predict a future event based on what we believe, or guess, will happen.
- What is the contraction of **will not**?
- Rewrite the second sentence using the contraction.



What do you think?

Think about the year 2050. Will these predictions be true?

1. **Fill in the gaps** with either *will* or *won't*.
2. **Explain** your choice.

1 We _____ be travelling on self-flying planes.

2 We _____ be able to travel to the moon for holiday.

3 Children _____ have teachers that are robots.

4 We _____ do all our shopping online.

5 We _____ be able to travel back in time.



Transform the sentences

Reorder the sentences below so that they are correct.

1 is / going to / happen / The British Invasion



The British Invasion is going to happen.

2 won't / on Spotify/ They / listen to / music



3 going to / perform / They / tonight / aren't



4 she / I think / become / will / a pop star



5 will / The song / summer hit / the next big / be



6 is / release / a new album/ The band / next Friday / going to



Practise using *will* and *going to*

Complete these sentences with either *will* or *going to*. You might need to use **the negative**.

- 1 I don't think this song _____ be a hit.
- 2 Everyone is waiting to buy a ticket to see this band. Their show _____ sell out.
- 3 She won a national singing competition, and now she _____ get a record deal.
- 4 This song is so unremarkable! I think most people _____ remember it in 50 years.
- 5 This song _____ be a hit. It's hard to imagine anyone liking it!



Describe the pictures using *going to* and *will*

Describe these pictures using *going to* and *will* in breakout rooms or together as a class.





Review *going to* and *will*

1. **Choose** *going to* or *will* for each rule.
2. Then **write** two sentences!

1 We use **going to / will** to talk about future events that we believe, or guess, will happen.

2 We use **going to / will** to predict a future event based on evidence.

3 We use **going to / will** to say that a future action or event is on the way or starting to happen.

4 **Write** a sentence in the chat using **going to**.

5 **Write** a sentence in the chat using **will**.

Life in 2030

What do you think your life will be like in 2030?

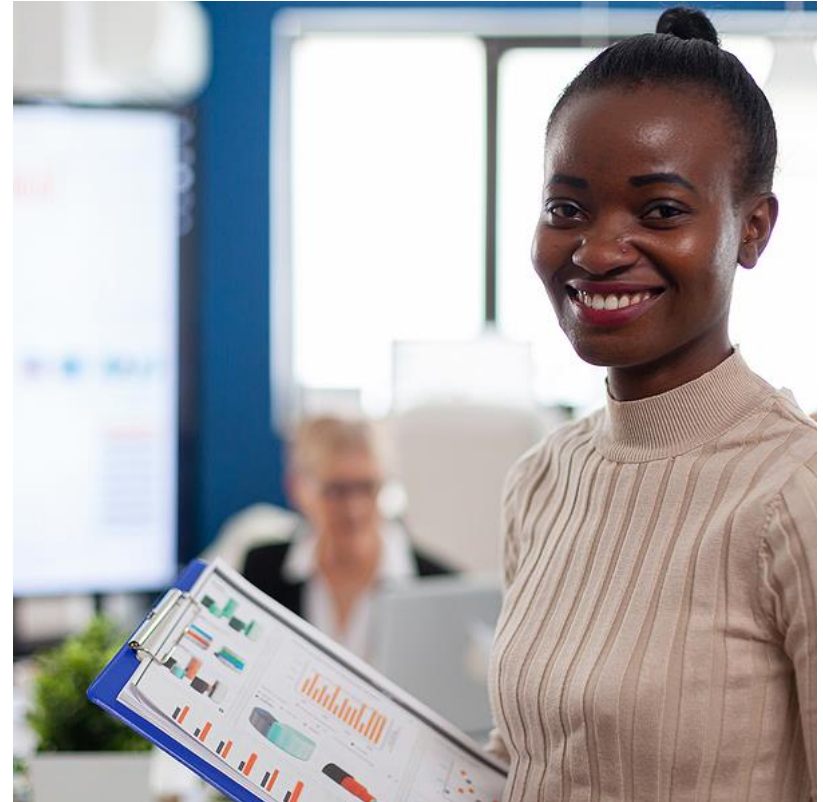
1. **Use** the words below to think of some ideas.
2. **Share** your thoughts with the rest of the class.

work

home

friends

hobbies





End of the lesson

Idiom

Let's play it by ear!

Meaning: To do something without a plan.

Example: I'm not sure what our plans are like tonight. Let's play it by ear!



Additional practice



Future form with *going to*

Use the future form with *going to* to complete the sentences below. Choose the correct verb from the box for each gap.

- 1 Shane: Have you heard their new album yet?
Dominique: No, but I _____ it on Spotify when I get home.
- 2 Dan: This band isn't very good.
Fred: They _____ a record deal if all their songs are like this.
- 3 Louise: I _____ my favourite band play live next week.
Hannah: Wow! That's _____ amazing!
- 4 Scott: This new album _____ fans of the band.
Tim: I agree. The album is much weaker than their early songs.
- 5 Samantha: Their drummer _____ the band next year!
Carlos: Yes, she _____ a new band with her brother.

be
disappoint
leave
start
get
see
stream



Discuss the future of these styles of music

Use **going to** to talk about the future for each style of music below. Is it going to be a good year for them? Why or why not? Are they going to be popular? **Explain your answers** using the **vocabulary from the lesson**.



Jazz



Dance DJ



Heavy Metal



Pop



Classical

Fans are going to buy more pop albums because...

It's not going to be a good year for jazz music because...

- unremarkable
- hype
- fade away
- forgotten
- take the country by storm



Making music recommendations

Choose one of the people below. **Recommend some music** you think they will like. **Why do you think** they are going to like your suggestions? **Repeat the activity** with a different person.



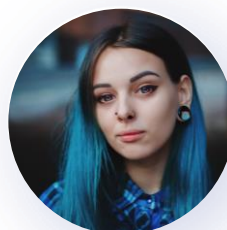
Dawn

- Jazz
- Classical
- Acoustic
- Listens when cooking
- Listens to relax



Toby

- Marvin Gaye
- Stevie Wonder
- Soul
- Listens on his drive to work



Lucy

- Heavy Metal
- Metallica
- Dance music
- Listens when running



Tabitha

- Pop music
- Adele
- Ed Sheeran
- Likes upbeat music



Clive

- Music from the 1960s and 1970s
- Film scores
- Listens when working

Answer key

P. 4: 1.) The articles were written in the 1960s 2.) The critics were writing about the Beatles. They were wrong about them.

P.6: The critic is making a prediction on what they believe, or guess, will happen in the purple sentence.

The critic is making a prediction based on present evidence in the blue sentences.

Box on right side: bare infinitive

P.7: We use the auxiliary verb 'to be'

We use 'not' for the negative: It is **not** going to be a sold-out show.

'Are not' becomes '**aren't**'; 'is not' becomes '**isn't**'.

P.8: Contraction of *will not* is **won't**; I think they **won't** be remembered.

P10.: 1.) The British Invasion is going to happen. 2.) They won't listen to music on Spotify 3.) They aren't going to perform tonight 4.) I think she will become a pop star 5.) The song will be the next big summer hit 6.) The band is going to release a new album next Friday.

P.11: 1.) will 2.) is going to 3.) (she)'s / is going to 4.) won't 5.) won't

P. 13: 1.) will 2.) going to 3.) going to

P. 19: 1.) am going to stream 2.) aren't going to get 3.) am going to see/ going to be 4.) is going to disappoint 5.) is going to leave/ is going to start



Summary

Future form with **going to**

- *going to* + bare infinitive
- We use *going to* when there is evidence for something, or when an event is starting to happen
- e.g. *Tickets are selling quickly. It's going to be a sold-out show*
- e.g. *They aren't going to be popular because their music isn't catchy and no one has heard of them*

Future form with **will**

- *will* + bare infinitive
- We use *will* to talk about a future action/event based on what we believe or guess will happen
- e.g. *I think she will win the singing competition*
- e.g. *I don't think this band will be very popular*



Vocabulary

British Invasion

hype

to fade away

unremarkable

to take the country by storm!

