

GRAMMAR

# Future with *be going to*

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English



## Learning outcomes

- I can correctly construct a sentence with 'be going to'.
- I can use 'be going to' for predictions and plans.

# Be going to

- We use **be going to** to talk about our future plans.
- We made the decision before we speak.

Affirmative	Negative	Questions
I <b>am going to</b> buy a new car soon.	I <b>am not going to</b> buy a new car soon.	<b>Are</b> you <b>going to</b> buy a new car soon?
He <b>is going to</b> have a party for his birthday.	He <b>is not going to</b> have a party for his birthday.	<b>Is</b> he <b>going to</b> have a party for his birthday?



# Contractions

- Look at the different ways we can make **contractions** with ***be going to***.

He is going to buy a car.	→	He's going to buy a car.
He is not going to buy a car.	→	He <b>isn't</b> going to buy a car.
He is not going to buy a car.	→	He's <b>not</b> going to buy a car.
We are going to buy a car.	→	We're going to buy a car.
We are not going to buy a car.	→	We <b>aren't</b> going to buy a car.
We are not going to buy a car.	→	We're <b>not</b> going to buy a car.



# Match the sentences with the picture

- 1 They are going to buy a new car.
- 2 She is going to meet her friends.
- 3 They are going to buy some new clothes.
- 4 I am going to do my homework tonight.

**a**



**b**



**c**



**d**





## Fill in the blanks

1. I am hungry so I am \_\_\_\_\_ lunch soon.
2. My computer is very old so I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a new one.
3. Joe loves Alice so he is \_\_\_\_\_ her to marry him.
4. They don't like the theatre so they're \_\_\_\_\_ that play with us.



**not going to see**

**going to buy**

**going to watch**

**going to eat**

**going to ask**

**not going to ask**



# Match the questions and answers

**1** Are you going to visit Paris when you are in France?

**2** Are you going to have dinner soon?

**3** Is he going to do his homework tonight?

**4** Are they going to go on holiday this year?

**5** Are you going to take the train?

**a** No, they're going to stay in the UK this year.

**b** Yes, I'm going to book my ticket tomorrow.

**c** No, I'm not. I'm not hungry yet.

**d** Yes, we are. We're going to spend three days there to see the museums.

**e** Yes, he is. He needs to hand his project in tomorrow.



# Use contractions

**Make** each sentence shorter. **Use** different ones from the example.

1 She is not going to be happy.



She **isn't** going to be happy.

2 They are going to meet her later.



3 You are not going to believe it!



4 He is going to be very angry.



5 We are not going to win the match.



6 I am going to order a pizza this evening.







# Predictions with *be going to*

- We also use *be going to* when we make predictions.
- This is when we have **evidence** for our prediction.

Evidence	Phrase with <i>be going to</i>
Look at those black clouds!	Oh no! It <b>is going to</b> rain.
The score is 4-0 to the blue team.	They <b>are going to</b> win the match.
I drank a lot of coffee this evening.	It <b>is going to</b> be difficult for me to sleep.



# Choose the correct option

**1** It is very cold and cloudy. I think it is...

**a. going to snow soon.**

**b. not going to snow soon.**

**2** He is not very smart. I don't think...

**a. he is going to being rich.**

**b. he is going to be rich.**

**3** I'm not hungry now. I am \_\_\_\_\_ dinner later.

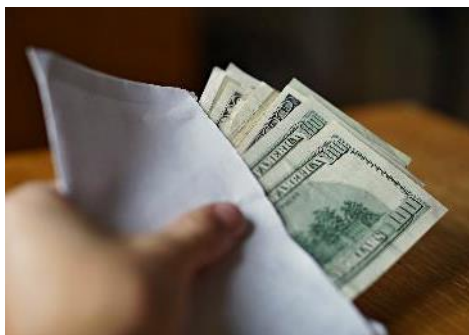
**a. going to eat**

**b. go to eat**



# Speaking

**What is going to happen next in these pictures?**



**He is going to...**



**They are going to...**



# Transform into questions

Use **be going to** in your answers.

1 I'm going to have fish for dinner.



What **are you going to** have for dinner?

2 No, I'm not going to drive home.



3 They are going to stay in a hotel.



4 He's going to meet his favourite actor tonight.



5 Yes, I'm going to bake a cake today.



6 I'm going to see a film this weekend.





# Find five mistakes

**Highlight** and **correct** them.

We are going to go on holiday to Europe next year. I love Italian food so I am not going to eat lots of pizza and pasta. We are going visit Paris and I want to go to the Eiffel Tower. My husband loves football so we are go to see Barcelona play. I think it is not going to be hot and sunny because it is always good weather in Spain in summer. We am going to eat lots of ice cream and have lots of cold drinks!



# Fill in the gaps with *be going to*



Have you heard what Tom and Joe  
\_\_\_\_\_ do next weekend?

No, they're not! They \_\_\_\_\_ a party  
at their place.

No, it's not. It is \_\_\_\_\_ a fancy  
dress party.



Are they \_\_\_\_\_ at that new  
restaurant? They love trying new things.

Oh! Is it \_\_\_\_\_ a surprise party?

In that case, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ my old  
clothes from the 80s!



Add **a verb**  
if you need one!



# Complete the sentences

- 1 After my lesson, I'm going to...
- 2 This weekend, my friend and I are going to...
- 3 Next month, I'm going to...
- 4 At work, we're going to...
- 5 The next big event where I live is going to...





# What are you going to do...?

1. **Work** in pairs. **Ask** each other about plans.
2. For breakout rooms: **share** one interesting plan with your class.



later

this evening

tonight

tomorrow

next weekend

next week

next month

next year

soon



**Take a photo** of the slide  
before you enter the  
breakout room.





# End of the lesson

Idiom

***only a matter of time***

**Meaning:** certain to happen but we do not know when.

**Example:** It's **only a matter of time** before he quits his job.



# Additional practice



# Use contractions

1 I am going to have dinner.



**I'm** going to have dinner.

\_\_\_\_\_

2 We are going to have fun.



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3 It is going to rain.



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4 They are going to adopt a dog.



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5 She is not going to clean her car.



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6 We are not going to meet John later.



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





# Form sentences

**Put** the verbs in parentheses into the gaps. **Use** *be going to*.

1 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (*phone*) her friend later.

2 We \_\_\_\_\_ (*have*) a picnic this weekend.

3 They \_\_\_\_\_ (*walk*) to the train station with you.

4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (*visit*) my auntie next week.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (*do*) your homework after the lesson?



# Make the sentences negative

1 My brother is going to study at university.



My brother **isn't** going to study at university.

2 Sophie and Nick are going to meet their friends.



3 We are going to buy a new computer.



4 I am going to find a different job.



5 They are going to go abroad this summer.



6 You are going to have lots of success.





# Answer key

**P. 5:** 1. C, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B

**P. 6:** 1. going to eat  
2. going to buy  
3. going to ask  
4. not going to see

**P. 7:** 1. D, 2. C, 3. E, 4. A, 5. B

**P. 8:** 2. They're,  
3. You're not/You aren't,  
4. He's going,  
5. We're not/We aren't

**P. 10:** 1. a, 2. b, 3. a

**P. 12:** 2. Are you going to drive home?  
3. Where are they going to stay?  
4. Who is he going to meet tonight?  
5. Are you going to bake a cake today?  
6. What are you going to do this weekend?

# Answer key

**P. 13:** We are going to go on holiday to Europe next year. I love Italian food so I am ~~not~~ going to eat lots of pizza and pasta. We are going to visit Paris and I want to go to the Eiffel Tower. My husband loves football so we are going to see Barcelona play. I think it is ~~not~~ going to be hot and sunny because it is always good weather in Spain in summer. We are going to eat lots of ice cream and have lots of cold drinks!

- P. 14:**
1. going to
  2. going to eat
  3. are going to have *or* throw
  4. going to be
  5. going to be
  6. going to wear

- P. 20:**
2. We're going to
  3. It's going to
  4. They're going to
  5. She's not going to..
  6. We're not going to...





## Answer key

- P. 21:**
1. is going to phone
  2. are going to have
  3. are going to walk
  4. am going to visit
  5. Are you going to do
- P. 22:**
2. Sophie and Nick **aren't** going to meet their friends.
  3. We're **not** or We **aren't** going to buy a new computer.
  4. I'm **not** going to find a different job.
  5. They're **not** or They **aren't** going to go abroad this summer.
  6. You're **not** or You **aren't** going to have lots of success.



# Summary

## Future with *be going to*

- We use ***be going to*** to talk about future plans.
- We made the decision **before** the time of speaking.

## Forms of *be going to*

- Affirmative → *I **am going to** buy a new car soon.*
- Negative → *I **am not going to** buy a new car soon.*
- Question → ***Are you going to** buy a new car soon?*

## Contracted forms of *be going to*

- Affirmative → *He's going to buy a car.*
- Negative → *He **isn't** going to buy a car or He's **not** going to buy a car.*

## Making predictions

- We often use ***be going to*** to make predictions.
- We usually have evidence for our prediction. → *Look at those black clouds! It **is going to** rain.*



# Vocabulary

to be going to

to marry

prediction

cloud

fancy dress

