



# Be going to vs. Will

A very confusing concept is when to use **WILL** and when to use **BE GOING TO** when we refer the future.

Both refer to the future and there is a slight difference between the two 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.

## Be going to

*Prior plan we are NOT going down like this*

*°The decision was made before the moment of speaking*

*Predictions based on evidence/signs*

*°In 43 minutes, the movie is going to start.*

*°When there are signs that something is likely to happen*

## Will

*Rapid decision*

*We'll get into!*

*Offer*

*I will help you!*

*Promise*

*I will wait for you.*

*Treat*

*If you don't stop, I will tell your mom.*

*Refusal*

*They won't wait any longer.*

*Predictions*

*Stan will get us in using his incredible lock-picking skills.*

