



# Be going to

Be going to is not a tense. It is a special structure that we use to talk about the future.

Doory and Marvin *are going to* find Nemo.

The structure for Be going to is:

**Affirmative**

*Dory is going to touch the fish.*  
Subject+ verb to be+going to+ verb+complement.

**Negative**

*Dory is not going to touch the fish.*  
Subject+ verb to be+not+going to+ verb+complement.

**Interrogative  
(yes-no)**

*Is Dory going to touch the fish?*  
Verb to be+ subject+going to+verb+complement+?

**Interrogative  
(wh-word)**

*Why is Dory going to touch the fish?*  
wh-word+ verb to be+ subject+going to+verb+complement+?

We use **Be going to** when we express *intentions or predictions based on evidence*.

We use be going to when we have the intention to do something before we speak. We have already made a decision before speaking.

- o Marvin *is going to* find the fish.
- o Marvin and Dory *are not going to* travel to Japan.

In these examples, we had **an intention or plan before speaking**.  
The decision was made before speaking.

We often use be going to to make a prediction about the future. Our prediction is based on present evidence. We are saying what we think will happen. Here are some examples:

- °Look at the sky! It's *going to* rain. (The clouds are black)
- °Marvin *is going to* find Nemo. He looked for him a lot.

Note.- The slang for be going to is **gonna**.

- °I'm **gonna** eat a hamburger after school.
- °Mike's **gonna** do his homework in the afternoon.

