

## **Be going to**

**Be going to** future expresses a conclusion regarding the immediate future or an action in the near future that has already been planned or prepared.

How do we use *going to*?

### **Be going to for intention**

We use *going to* when we have the intention to do something before we speak. We have already made a decision before speaking. Look at these examples:

- Jo has won the lottery. He says he's **going to buy** a Porsche.
- We're not **going to paint** our bedroom tomorrow.
- When **are** you **going to go** on holiday?

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

### **Be going to for prediction**

We often use *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:

- The sky is very black. It's **going to snow**.
- It's 8.30! You're **going to miss** your train!
- I crashed the company car. My boss **isn't going to be** very happy!

In these examples, the **present situation** (black sky, the time, damaged car) gives us a good idea of what is going to happen.

### **Be going to for Commands**

We use *be going to* when we give commands or state that something is obligatory:

[parent to a child]

*You're **going to** pick up all of those toys right now. This room is a mess!*