



FUTURE PLANS AND DECISIONS



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Presentation

When we talk about plans or decisions for the future, we can use the **present continuous**, **going to** or **will + infinitive**.

Future plans

We use the **present continuous** to talk about plans or arrangements for the future:

I'm **meeting** an old friend for lunch tomorrow.

French - français

I'm **flying** to France next Wednesday.

Are you **going** on holiday this summer?

We do not use **will** to talk about future plans. We can use **will + infinitive** to talk about something that is possible in the future:

'Where are you going on holiday this summer?' 'I don't know. Perhaps I'll **go** to Italy'

Maybe I **will see** you at the party next week.

I'll - all

will + infinitive is often used with I think, I don't think, I'm sure, probably, perhaps, maybe, etc.

Dialogue

A: We **are going** to Spain this summer. What about you?

B: I don't know yet. Maybe I **will go** to Italy.

still - ainda



Decisions for the future

We use **going to + infinitive** to talk about intentions or decisions for the future:

I've made my decision. I'm **going to quit** smoking.

Are you **going to come** to the party tonight?

We use **will + infinitive** when we make a spontaneous decision at the time of speaking (not before):

'It's cold in here.' 'I'll **go** and shut the window.'

shut - fechar

'Can you send me the information I need?' 'Sure, I'll **do** it right away.'

Dialogue

A: Have you decided what to cook tonight?

beer - cerveja

B: Yes, I'm **going to cook** fish and rice.

B: Fine. I'll **bring** a bottle of white wine.

bottle - garrafa

bring - trazer



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Practice 1 - Future plans

Put the verb in brackets into the most suitable form, present continuous or 'will' + infinitive:

- What are you doing (you/do) on Saturday night? Would you like to go to a concert?
- I think I will stay (stay) at home this evening. I'm feeling a bit ill. sick - doente
- I'm afraid I can't meet you for a coffee tomorrow afternoon. I am having (have) lunch with a colleague. I'm afraid - infelizmente
- We can meet on Sunday. I am not doing (not/do) anything special.
- The train probably will arrive (probably/arrive) late again.
- What time are you meeting (you/meet) Mike tomorrow?
- Do you think it will rain (rain) tonight?
- I am travelling (travel) to Thailand next week. Maybe I will send (send) you a postcard.
- I am working (work) late on Tuesday, so I probably won't be (probably/not/be) free till late evening.
- Jack is hosting (host) a party next Thursday. A lot of people are coming (come).
will come



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Practice 2 - Decisions for the future

Complete the dialogues using 'will' or 'going to' + infinitive:

1. A: I've decided. I am going to look (look) for a new job.
B: Good idea! I will help (help) you prepare a good CV.
2. A: When are you going to bring (you/bring) those books that you promised to lend me?
B: Oh, I'm sorry. I completely forgot about that. I am going to (bring) them in tomorrow morning.
3. A: So, you've decided to buy a new car. What type of car _____ (you/choose)?
B: I don't know. _____ will you choose
A: Mark knows a lot about cars. I will ask (ask) him to phone you later on.
4. A: What are you going to get (you/get) John for his birthday?
B: I am going to (buy) him a digital camera. And you?
A: I haven't decided yet. Perhaps I will get (get) him an iPad.
5. A: Are you going to (you/visit) Paul next Friday?
B: I don't know yet. I will call (call) you tomorrow to let you know.
6. A: What are you going to do (you/do) for New Year's Eve?
B: We are going to eat (eat) at a fancy restaurant. Fancy - chique
7. A: Why have you turned off the music?
B: I will lie (lie) down for a while. I am feeling a bit tired.
A: OK, I am not going to (not/disturb) you then.
8. A: Have you decided where you are going to stay (stay) on your trip?
B: Well, I am not going to (not/stay) at the Siesta Hotel, that's for sure. It's too expensive.



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Practice 3

Self-study: Write down your plans and intentions for next week.

Classroom activity: Work in pairs. Take turns to talk about your plans and intentions for next week. Write down your partner's plans in the weekly planner below. Find a new partner and tell him/her what your old partner is doing next week.

