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Will - Be going to - Future Continuous

We use **will** and **be going to** to talk about the future.

Will is used:

- to talk about things we are not sure about or we haven't decided yet.
I'll probably buy a new bike. (I'm not sure yet.)
- to express hopes, fears, threats, on-the-spot decisions, offers, promises, warnings, predictions, comments, etc. especially with: expect, hope, believe, I'm afraid, I'm sure, I know, I think, probably, etc.
I'm hungry. I'll make a sandwich. (on-the-spot decision)
- to make a prediction based on what we think or imagine.
I think you will pass the test. She will probably phone later.
- to talk about actions which will definitely happen in the future and which we cannot control.
He will be twelve next year.

Be going to is used:

- to talk about things we are sure about or we have already decided to do in the near future.
I'm going to buy a new bike. (I've decided it.)
- to express intentions and plans.
Now that I've got the money, I'm going to buy a new dress. (intention)
I'm going to get some more training so I can get a better job. (plan)
- when we can see (evidence) that something is going to happen.
Watch out! We're going to have an accident. (We can see a car coming.)
It's going to rain. (We can see dark clouds in the sky.)

Time expressions used with will - be going to

tomorrow, tonight, next week / month / year, in two days, the day after tomorrow, soon, in a week / month, etc.

1. Read the sentences below and mark them as **a, b, c, d** or **e** according to what they express.

- 1 I'm hungry. I'll make myself a sandwich.c.....
- 2 Don't worry. I won't tell anybody.
- 3 Stop talking or I'll send you out.
- 4 Annie will be three years old next month.
- 5 I think it will rain today.
- 6 This dress is beautiful. I'll buy it.
- 7 We'll probably be home before dinner.
- 8 I promise I'll be on time.

- a** prediction based on what we think or imagine
- b** promise
- c** on-the-spot decision
- d** threat
- e** action which will happen in the future and we cannot control

2. Complete the sentences.

•won't let •'ll take •won't pass •'ll catch •'ll be •'ll close

- 1 It's cold. I 'll close the window.
- 2 His teacher thinks he a great pianist one day.
- 3 Do your homework or I you go out.
- 4 I'm afraid she her exams.
- 5 Put on your coat or you a cold.
- 6 This shirt is nice. I it.

3. Answer the questions about yourself using **I hope, I think, I believe, I expect, perhaps** or **probably** as in the example:

- 1 Where will you go at the weekend?
I'll probably go skiing in the mountains.
- 2 What will you buy your best friend for his/her birthday?
.....
.....
- 3 Where will you be at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon?
.....
.....
- 4 Who will you ask if you need help studying for exams?
.....
.....
- 5 Where will you spend your holiday this summer?
.....
.....

Will

Will is used to express predictions, warnings, offers, promises, threats, requests, suggestions, on-the-spot decisions, opinions, hopes and fears (especially with words such as: think, expect, suppose, hope, believe, know and probably).



I expect she **will** come early. (prediction)

Shall

Shall is used with **I** or **We** in questions, suggestions and offers.



Shall we go by train? (suggestion)

Shall I help you with your bags? (offer)

4. Fill in: will, won't or shall.



Larry: 1... **Shall** we go for a picnic tomorrow?

Sue : Yes. That's a good idea. I 2.....
make some sandwiches.

Larry: OK. And I 3..... bring some
lemonade.

Sue : 4..... I buy some cheese?

Larry: I don't really like cheese.

Sue : I 5..... buy any then. I 6.....
bring some fruit instead.

Larry: I think it 7..... be sunny tomorrow
so I 8..... probably wear my
shorts. I 9..... take a pullover.

Sue : Well, I think I 10..... take mine. It is
still cold in the mornings.

5. Use the words to make questions and then answer them.

- are / going / to / what / you / next / do / Sunday?
A: *What are you going to do next Sunday.*
B: *I'm going to visit my grandparents.....*
- going / buy / you / to / for / what / your / birthday / best friend's / are?
A:
B:
- learn / are / a / going / language / new / you / to / year / next?
A:
B:
- are / abroad / you / this / travel / summer / to / going?
A:
B:

6. Fill in: will / won't, shall or be going to.

- I'm sad. My parents **won't** let me go to the concert.
- My aunt have a baby in April.
- I heard Sue's in hospital. I send her some flowers.
- I carry this bag for you?
- I'm tired. I think I go home.
- This is my new pink dress. I wear it tonight.
- I haven't studied hard. I don't think I pass the exam.
- Watch out! you crash into the tree!
- Tidy your room or you go out.
- you open the door for me, please?

7. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the future simple.

- We **will leave** (leave) as soon as the taxi **arrives** (arrive).
- He (phone) us before he (leave) home.
- She (stay) at home until she (feel) better.
- A: When (you/visit) them?
B: Probably next week.
- When Corey (finish) school, he (go) to the university.
- I (send) you a postcard as soon as I (get) to Brazil.
- When (she/be) back?
- If you (see) Betty, tell her about the party.

Note:

- We use the **Present Continuous** rather than ‘be going to’ for things which are definitely arranged to happen in the future.



She's **having** a party next week.
(It's all arranged. The invitations have already been sent.)



They're **going to have** a party in two weeks.
(They've decided but it hasn't been arranged yet.)

- We use the **Present Simple** for timetables, programmes, etc.
Our plane **leaves** at 10:30 am.

- We do not use the **Future tense** after the words while, before, until, as soon as, if (conditional) and when (time conjunction). However, we can use **when + will**, if when is a question word.
Call me **when** you arrive. **BUT**
When will you be ready?

- With the verbs go and come we often use the **Present Continuous** rather than ‘be going to’.
I'm **going out** tonight. **RATHER THAN**
I'm going to go out tonight.

8. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.



My father is a news photographer and he ¹**often** ~~travels~~..... (often/travel) around the world. He ²..... (visit) many places like Singapore, China and Russia. This time next week, he ³..... (fly) to Rome. He has promised to take us somewhere very special when he ⁴..... (get) back. I'm sure we ⁵..... (have) a great time wherever we go!

9. Fill in the present continuous or be going to, then identify the speech situations.

- fixed arrangement • something already decided

1 fixed arrangement



They **are going to** ~~get married~~..... (get/married) this afternoon.

2



They (get/married) in June.

3



He (fly) to New York in an hour.

4



He (travel) to Miami.

5



She (phone) the dentist.

6



She (see) the dentist tomorrow.

10. Fill in: shall, will or be going to.

- 1 A:** What do you want for lunch?
B: I think I **will** have chicken and some salad.
- 2 A:** Josh has come back from England.
B: I know. I see him later today.
- 3 A:** Costas and I get married in April.
B: Really? Congratulations!
- 4 A:** we meet on Sunday?
B: Sorry, but I visit my aunt. She is expecting me.
- 5 A:** Is Dave coming to the party?
B: Yes, but he probably be late.
- 6 A:** Have you decided where to go on holiday?
B: Yes, I travel around Europe.

11. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple, the present continuous or will.



Julia: Hello, Gary. Where ¹ *are you going* (you/go)?
 Gary: To the sports centre. I've got football practice. Our team ² (go) to France next week.
 Julia: Oh, that ³ (be) great! How ⁴ (you/get) there?
 Gary: We ⁵ (travel) by ferry. It ⁶ (leave) at 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning.
 Julia: How long ⁷ (you/stay) in France?
 Gary: For about a week. We ⁸ (have) four games to play. The first one ⁹ (start) at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and the last one ¹⁰ (finish) at 5 o'clock the following Tuesday.
 Julia: Do you think you ¹¹ (win)?
 Gary: Of course. Well, I have to go now. The coach ¹² (get) angry if I'm late for training. I ¹³ (tell) you all about it when I ¹⁴ (get) back.

12. Fill in the gaps with be going to, the present simple or will.

Mum: Watch out! You ¹ *are going to fall* (fall) off your bike Billy! I ² (not/want) you to get hurt.
 Billy: Don't worry, Mum. I promise I ³ (be) more careful.
 Jennifer: Do you have any plans for the summer?
 Paolo : Well, we ⁴ (visit) Spain but my father has to work. So my mum and I ⁵ (spend) time with my grandparents in the countryside.
 Jennifer: I'm sure you ⁶ (have) lots of fun.

13. Fill in: will/won't, shall or be going to.

- 1 *..Shall..* we go to the theatre this evening?
- 2 She probably pass her exams.
- 3 Now that he has enough money, he buy a car.
- 4 Be careful! Otherwise you hurt yourself.
- 5 Look! Tim win! He's much faster than the other runners.
- 6 I'm afraid I be able to come to your party.
- 7 we go to Spain for our holiday this year?
- 8 She travel around the world. She's leaving on Friday .
- 9 I've just enrolled for the language course. I start it in September.

14. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Dear Bobby,

I ¹ *..have..* (have) great news! We ² (plan) to visit your country! We ³ (not/buy) our plane tickets yet but we ⁴ (think) of coming at the end of the month. I'm so excited! We ⁵ (want) to visit all those places we've talked about.

Well, that's all for now. Talk to you soon!
 Best wishes,
 Mike

15. Rewrite the sentences in the correct order.

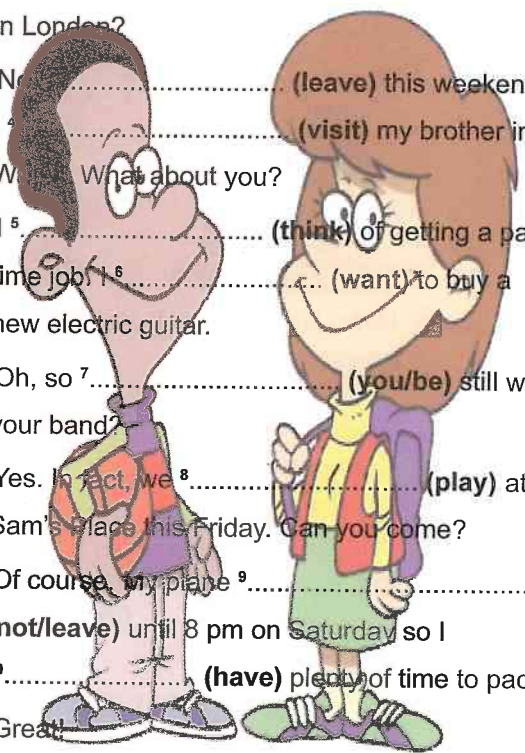
- 1 plays / piano / she / the / beautifully
She plays the piano beautifully.
- 2 small / she / a(n) / antique / wooden / table / has
.....
- 3 gave / me / he / beautiful/ring / a / gold
.....
- 4 never / arrives / he / before / at work / 10 o'clock
.....
- 5 goes / she / every / morning / jogging
.....
- 6 by bus / to school /comes / usually / he
.....

16. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple, the present continuous, be going to or will.

- 1 A:** I *am seeing* (see) Jim at 8 o'clock tonight.
B: Really? I thought he was away on a business trip.
- 2 A:** Would you like something to drink?
B: I (have) a glass of orange juice, please.
- 3 A:** What time (the bus/leave)?
B: In half an hour.
- 4 A:** I don't understand this exercise, Dad.
B: OK, Peter I (help) you.
- 5 A:** Have you decided what to get Jim for his birthday?
B: Yes. I (buy) him a watch.
- 6 A:** I (go) to the cinema. There's a new film on. Would you like to come?
B: What time (the film/start)?
- 7 A:** Look at that car!
B: Oh no! It (hit) the lamppost!
- 8 A:** The Ting Tings (play) a concert at Wembley Stadium.
B: I know. I have already bought a ticket.

17. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple, the present continuous, be going to or will.

- A:** What ¹ *are you planning* (plan) to do after the exams? ² (you/stay) in London?
- B:** No (leave) this weekend. I ³ (visit) my brother in Wales. What about you?
- A:** I ⁴ (think) of getting a part-time job. I ⁵ (want) to buy a new electric guitar.
- B:** Oh, so ⁶ (you/be) still with your band?
- A:** Yes. In fact, we ⁷ (play) at Sam's Place this Friday. Can you come?
- B:** Of course. My plane ⁸ (not/leave) until 8 pm on Saturday so I ⁹ (have) plenty of time to pack.
- A:** Great!
- B:** Is it OK if I ¹⁰ (bring) a friend?
- A:** Of course. Invite as many people as you like.
- B:** Thanks. I ¹¹ (see) you there.



Future Continuous

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I will be working.	I will not (won't) be working.	Will I be working?
You will be working.	You will not (won't) be working.	Will you be working?
He will be working.	He will not (won't) be working.	Will he be working?
She will be working.	She will not (won't) be working.	Will she be working?
It will be working.	It will not (won't) be working.	Will it be working?
We will be working.	We will not (won't) be working.	Will we be working?
You will be working.	You will not (won't) be working.	Will you be working?
They will be working.	They will not (won't) be working.	Will they be working?



The **Future Continuous** is used:

- for an action which will be in progress at a stated future time.
At 12 o'clock next Saturday, I'll be fishing with my grandson.
- for an action which will definitely happen in the future as the result of a routine or arrangement.
I can give your message to Sue. I'll be seeing her later on today.
- when we ask politely about someone's plans for the near future. (What we want to know is if our wishes fit in with their plans.)
A: *Will you be driving to the party tonight?*
B: Yes, why?
A: *Could you give me a lift, please?*

18. Use the ideas to make sentences as in the example:

1 I / play / hockey / 11 o'clock / next Tuesday

I will be playing hockey at 11 o'clock next Tuesday.

2 Next Monday, / we / fly / Disney World

.....
.....

3 This time next Sunday, / I / ski / with my friends

.....
.....

4 In a few weeks / we / sail / in the Mediterranean

.....
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19. Put the verbs in brackets into the future simple or the future continuous.



Matt: How about going camping this weekend?

Jeff: Sounds great! I ¹.....*'ll call*..... (call) you this evening and we can talk more about it.

Matt: OK. Do you mind if I invite Henry?

Jeff: Of course not. Actually, I have a class with him later on so I ²..... (ask) him.

Matt: Great! I ³..... (be) home after 7:00 pm so I ⁴..... (talk) to you then.

Jeff: Perfect! Just think, in two days' time we ⁵..... (sit) by a campfire roasting marshmallows.

Matt: And we ⁶..... (tell) scary stories, too! I can hardly wait!

20. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use **be going to**, **was/were going to**, the **present simple** or **will**.

Lea: What are your plans for the weekend?

Robert: We've just changed them. We ¹.....*were going to go*..... (go) camping but the weather forecast warned that it ²..... (rain), so we ³..... (stay) indoors and watch some DVDs.

Terry: Do you have a few minutes, sir? I need to talk to you.

Mr Leo: I don't have time right now, Terry. I ⁴..... (be) late for a meeting. I

(A) ⁵..... (see) you when I ⁶..... (come) back.

Terry: OK, sir. Thank you.

Paula: Are you busy this evening?

Wendy: Yes, I ⁷..... (watch) a film with my friend, Sarah. Why do you ask?

Paula: I ⁸..... (ask) you to have dinner.

Wendy: Oh. Well, I don't have anything planned for **(B)** tomorrow.

Paula: OK! I ⁹..... (see) you at 7 at Pierre's.

21. Put the verbs in brackets into the future simple, **be going to** or the future continuous.



Dear Sarah,

I have great news! My family and I ¹.....*are going to spend*..... (spend) our summer holidays in Italy! We ²..... (travel) there by boat.

We ³..... (stay) at my aunt's house. It's near the beach. This time next month, I ⁴..... (drink) a glass of cold lemonade under the hot sun. Doesn't that sound great?

I think my friend Julia ⁵..... (come) too but she isn't sure yet. Anyway, I have lots of cousins there, so I'm sure I ⁶..... (have) a great time.

I promise I ⁷..... (send) you a lovely postcard when I get there.

Love,
Sophia

22. Put the verbs in brackets into the future simple, be going to or the future continuous.

- 1 A:** I'm too tired to do the washing-up.
B: Don't worry! I !! do (do) it for you.
- 2 A:** Will you come to the party on Saturday?
B: No, I can't. I (visit) my grandparents.
- 3 A:** Is Jason home?
B: No. I think he (be) back late tonight.
- 4 A:** Are you excited about your trip?
B: Absolutely! This time tomorrow, I (fly) to Jamaica.
- 5 A:** Why is Mark dressed in a suit?
B: Because he (meet) Mr Rogers.
- 6 A:** Did you tell Sophia about the party?
B: Not yet. I (see) her at the meeting later on, so I (tell) her then.
- 7 A:** How old is your son?
B: He (be) six next month.
- 6 A:** (you/use) the car tomorrow? I want to go shopping.
B: I don't know yet.
- 9 A:** Watch out! You (fall)!
B: Don't worry. The ladder is safe.
- 10 A:** What can I get you, madam?
B: I (have) half a kilo of meat, please.
- 11 A:** What are your plans for the summer?
B: We (go sailing) in the Mediterranean.
- 12 A:** (you/go) to the library later, Nadia?
B: Yes. Do you want me to return your books?

23. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple, the present continuous, will, be going to or the future continuous.

- 1 A:** I'm going to the gym this afternoon.
B: Well, while you are (be) there, I will go (go) shopping.
- 2 A:** (you/do) anything special tonight?
B: I (see) Roger. Would you like to come?
- 3 A:** Look at the sky! It (rain).
B: I (take) an umbrella with me.
- 4 A:** Lisa, I'm so happy! I got the job!
B: Wonderful! I (tell) Mum and Dad the good news.
- 5 A:** Are you nervous about the interview, Larry?
B: Yes. This time tomorrow, I (talk) to the company director.
- 6 A:** Where are you going?
B: I (get) some vegetables from the supermarket.
- 7 A:** As soon as Mark (come) back, tell him to call me.
B: OK, John.
- 8 A:** Are you looking forward to your holiday?
B: Oh, yes. This time next week, I (swim) in the sea.

24. Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or the past simple.

- Ann :** I don't know where to go on holiday this year. Have you got any ideas?
Betty: 1. Have you ever gone (you/ever/go) to Spain? I 2. (go) to Barcelona last year and I really 3. (enjoy) myself.
- Ann :** Well, I 4. (spend) two years in Spain while I 5. (be) at University. I 6. (never/visit) South America, though.
- Betty:** A friend of mine 7. (work) in Brazil before. I think you 8. (already/meet) her. Do you remember Kate from my party?
Ann : Oh, yes. I 9. (speak) to her. She's really nice. Maybe I can talk to her about it.