

Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *be going to*

Focus: In this lesson, you will learn and practice *be going to* to talk about plans in the future.

Read and understand the target language below.

When we talk about plans in the future, we use **be going to**. The structure is: **be verb + going + infinitive (to + verb)**. In the example sentences below, the people have likely bought tickets and made other travel plans.

- My friend **is going to stay** with her parents for New Year's.
- They **are going to visit** Italy for their honeymoon.

Negative sentences show someone without a plan to take action. We use: **be verb + not + going + infinitive**.

- My friend **is not going to stay** with her parents for New Year's. The flights are too expensive.
- They **are not going to visit** Italy for their honeymoon. They **are going to go** to France.

I	am	(not) going to verb	we	are	(not) going to verb
you	are	(not) going to verb			
he / she / it	is	(not) going to verb	they	are	(not) going to verb

Look at the below examples to understand the structure for questions:

Closed Questions: be verb + subject + going + infinitive (to + verb)

Q: **Are** you **going to go** to the party tonight?

A: Yes, I am. I'm **going to go** there after work.

No, I'm not. I'm **not going to go** the party. I'm **going to see** a movie tonight.

Open Questions: wh-question + be verb + subject + going + infinitive (to + verb)

Q: **What are** you **going to do** in New York?

A: I'm **going to see** my friends there.

Watch out for mistakes!

We also use **will** to talk about the future. However, **will** isn't used for future plans.

- X** My friend ~~**will visit**~~ me this weekend. I ~~**will meet**~~ her at the airport.
- O** My friend **is going to visit** me this weekend.

Pre-Lesson Practice

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Practice: Now try some activities to help you use the target language.

Complete the sentences with *be going to* for future plans.

- 1: Ben and Kim _____ to Mexico for their honeymoon.
a: going to travel b: is going to travel c: are going to travel
- 2: I _____ for the test tonight.
a: am going to study b: is going to study c: is go to studying
- 3: He _____ a movie tonight with his friend.
a: are going to see b: is going to see c: is to going seeing
- 4: Cindy _____ tonight until 10:00 pm.
a: are going to work b: is going to working c: is going to work
- 5: We _____ a new car for our son's birthday!
a: aren't going to buy b: aren't going to buying c: are going to buying

Complete the questions with *be going to* for future plans.

- 6: _____ you _____ tickets for the basketball game tonight?
a: Are ... going to buy b: Is ... going to buy c: Are ... going to buying
- 7: _____ they _____ to the party?
a: Are ... going to coming b: Are ... going to come c: Are ... go to coming
- 8: What _____ you _____ in London?
a: are ... going to do b: are ... going doing c: is ... going to do
- 9: When _____ Paul _____ to Tokyo?
a: is ... going to moving b: are ... going to move c: is ... going to move

Answers

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Complete the sentences with *be going to* for future plans.

- 1: (c) Ben and Kim **are going to travel** to Mexico for their honeymoon.
- 2: (a) I **am going to study** for the test tonight.
- 3: (b) He **is going to see** a movie tonight with his friend.
- 4: (c) Cindy **is going to work** tonight until 10:00 pm.
- 5: (a) We **aren't going to buy** a new car for our son's birthday.

Complete the questions with *be going to* for future plans.

- 6: (a) **Are** you **going to buy** tickets for the basketball game tonight?
- 7: (b) **Are** they **going to come** to the party?
- 8: (a) What **are** you **going to do** in London?
- 9: (c) When **is** Paul **going to move** to Tokyo?