

Lesson 11: The future

OK, it's time to talk about THE FUTURE.

There are 3 main ways to talk about the future in English.

1. will + BASE
2. be going to + BASE
3. be Ving

1. The future with will + Vb

will + BASE is the simplest.

Use *Will* is used especially for prediction. It's often used with "probably"

Example:

Will it rain tomorrow?

It will not rain tomorrow.

It will probably rain tomorrow.

Form *will* is an X-Word.

Let's review:

- *Will* always occurs with the verb form _____
- To make it negative, add _____ or use the contraction _____.
- To make it a question, move the X-Word in _____ of the subject and change the period to a _____.



2. The be going to + BASE future

Use It is used for intentions and things that you know are going to occur.

Form You have to use the correct form of **be (am, is, are)**

Complete these sentences with the correct form of **be**:

- I _____ **going to eat** lunch at 12:30.
- You/We/They _____ **going to eat** lunch at 12:30.
- He/She/It _____ **going to eat** lunch at 12:30.
- We/You/They _____ **going to eat** lunch yesterday, but there wasn't enough time.
- He/She/It _____ **going to eat** lunch yesterday, but there wasn't enough time.

am, is, are, was, and were are X-Words

Complete these rules

- For negatives add _____ or a contraction after the X-Word.
- For questions move the X-Word in front of the _____ and change the period to a _____.

Examples:

She isn't going to pass this class if she keeps goofing off.

Are you going to buy coffee at the break?

Pronunciation: reducing "going to" to "gonna"

In spoken English, we usually use contractions with **am, is, and are**

(I'm, You're, We're, They're, He's, She's, It's)

going to sounds like "gonna"

Examples:

I'm gonna go.

He's gonna stay home.

We're gonna succeed.

Common mistakes

- Don't write "gonna" It is only spoken.
- "gonna" includes "to" Don't add "to" to the verb.
*I'm **gonna be** a millionaire. I'm ~~gonna to be~~ a millionaire.*

3. be Ving

Use it is used for certain plans or (you're absolutely sure, you have proof) and plans for the near future

Example:

I'm going to Florida tomorrow. (I have my ticket. My bags are packed)
We're having lunch at Murray's after class.

Form be Ving is the present progressive [am, is, are] + ING)
be going (to a place) is very common.

Examples:

S	X	Ving	where?	when?
They're	going	<to	Boston	this weekend.

We're going to Yinjun's concert on Wednesday. Do you want to come?

We're having dinner at 8 o'clock. Don't be late.

I'm leaving tomorrow. My flight is at 9:50.

I'm staying home tonight. I'm too tired to go out.



Lesson 11 Exercise 1

Write these predictions as negatives and questions.

- 1 They'll have a baby if they move to a bigger house.
(neg) _____
(Y/N) _____
- 2 She will be late again.
(neg) _____
(Y/N) _____
- 3 You'll gain weight if you eat too many doughnuts.
(neg) _____
(Y/N) _____

Lesson 11 Exercise 2

Write 3 predictions with *will*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Lesson 11 Exercise 3

Box the subject, mark the X-Words, underline "be going to" and put Vb over the main verb. Then write these intentions as instructed.

Example: ^{*} The students in this class ^X are going to ^{Vb} be successful.

Note: Aff is short for affirmative, the opposite of negative.

- 1 Laura isn't going to run the marathon.
(Aff) _____
(Y/N) _____
- 2 Those cars are going to crash.
(Neg) _____
(Y/N) _____

3 Are you going to see a movie tonight?

(Aff) _____

(Neg) _____

Lesson 11 Exercise 4

Write 2 intentions with *be going to* **BASE**

1. _____

2. _____

Lesson 11 Exercise 5

True or false?

_____ The *be going to* future uses **ING**

_____ the future with *will* uses **BASE**

_____ *be going* is really the present continuous

_____ for predictions use *will*

_____ If you are absolutely certain about a future plan, use *will*

_____ always use an infinitive after "gonna"

Lesson 11 Exercise 6

Correct these sentences

1. I going California next week.

2. He is going visit relatives.

3. You are do going to eat now?

4. It will be warm this weekend?

5. It wont rain on her wedding day.



6. He goes to be a doctor.
7. You gonna to go to shopping?
8. She gets home at 6:30 and will eat dinner.

Lesson 11 Exercise 6 Which one would you use?

None of these is "wrong," but some are "more right" than the others. Talk about your answers with your classmates and your teacher.

1. We think that the party	will be is being is going to be	a big success.
2. Are we having	Will we have Are we having Are we going to have	a test next week, professor?
3. What	will you do are you doing are you going to do	after class?
4. I	will go am going am going to go	to a concert tonight.
5. The last day of class	is will be is being is going to be	April 26 th .
6. Are you planning	Are you Will you plan Are you planning Are you going to plan	to go home for the summer?
7. Selyn's birthday	is will be is being is going to be	this Saturday.