



# ENGLISH GRAMMAR FOR FUTURE PLANS

Expressing a Future Action: When To Use "Will" And "Going To"?

And how to use the Present Continuous to speak about a future plan?

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## WILL (FUTURE SIMPLE)

Use the future with will to talk about an event in the future that you have just decided to do, for predictions and for promises.

Examples:

- I think I'll go to that party next week.
- The economy will get better soon.
- Yes, I will marry you.

## GOING TO

Used to express events you have already planned in the future and your intentions for the future. If the plans are more than confirmed, we can use the Present Continuous Tense to show it.

Examples:

- She's going to attend university and study to become a doctor.
- We're going to make the presentation next week.

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

The present continuous can refer to the future. It shows that we have already decided something and usually that we have already made a plan or arrangements:

Examples:

- The band is visiting Denmark next May.
- I am taking the train to Paris tomorrow.

## WILL (FUTURE SIMPLE)

Positive: Subject + will + verb

- (I, You, He, She, We, They) will come to the party.

Negative: Subject + will + not (won't) + verb

- (I, You, He, She, We, They) won't have time tomorrow.

Questions: Question word + will + subject + verb

- What will (he, she, you, we) they do?

## GOING TO & PRES. CONTINUOUS

Positive: Subject + to be + going to + verb

- I am going to attend the meeting.
- (He, She) is going to attend the meeting.
- (You, We, They) are going to attend the meeting.

Negative: Subject + to be + not + going to + verb

- I'm not going to visit Rome next year.
- (He, She) isn't going to visit Rome next year.
- (You, We, They) aren't going to visit Rome next year.

Questions: (Question word) + to be + subject + going to + verb

- Where am I going to stay?
- Where is (she, he) going to stay?

## SECOND CONDITIONAL

Positive: Subject + to be + verb + ing

- I am attending the meeting.
- (He, She) is attending the meeting.
- (You, We, They) are attending the meeting.

Negative: Subject + to be + not + verb + ing

- I'm not visiting him, I called it off.

Questions: (Question word) + to be + subject + verb + ing

- Where are you staying ?

Warning:

We don't use the present continuous when we predict something. Instead, we use going to or will:

It's going to rain again soon.

