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The future Going to

- 1 Some examples of going to (be going to + verb):
We're going to have a party next week.
It isn't going to rain today.
Are you going to watch the match on TV tonight?

2 Forms of going to:

POSITIVE

I am /'m going to eat
 you/we/they are /'re going to eat
 he/she/it is /'s going to eat

NEGATIVE

I am not /'m not going to eat
 you/we/they are not /'re not / aren't going to eat
 he/she/it is not / isn't / 's not going to eat

QUESTIONS

am I going to eat
 are you/we/they going to eat
 is he/she/it going to eat

Grammar in action

- 1 We use **going to** for actions that we have decided to do in the future. First we think and decide, then we say what we have decided about the future, using **going to**:
I'm going to catch the 8.30 train.



- 2 Sometimes we say when the action will happen and sometimes we understand when the action will happen and do not say it:
I'm going to wear my new dress tonight.
I'm going to a party tonight. ~ What are you going to wear? (= tonight) ~ I'm going to wear my new dress. (= tonight)

- 3 We use **going to** for actions in the future that we have planned and organized. We can also use the present continuous for these actions (see p. 4). Here, someone is talking about travel plans:
I'm going to fly/I'm flying to Milan on Friday.

- 4 We use **going to** for things that we believe or predict about the future, often because the present situation or a past event gives us a good reason for our prediction:
You're going to fall.



A In future, I'm going to ...

Suzanne has decided to change her life. Complete her decisions for the future, using *going to* and the correct verbs from the list. Use short forms.

prepare enjoy do learn not watch not spend get
 not sit join not worry study save go be read
 lose not shout pass not eat run

- 0 *I'm going to study* hard at college and *I'm going to pass* my exams.
 1 more exercise and fit.
 2 a running club and a marathon.
 3 on the sofa so much and for walks.
 4 so much money and more money.
 5 so much TV and more books.
 6 some weight and so much chocolate.
 7 nicer to my brother and at him.
 8 how to cook and healthy meals.
 9 about small problems and life more.



B Plans for tonight's event

Luke is the organizer of a college event. He is talking to the students who are helping him. Complete the questions and answers, using *going to* and the words in brackets.

- LUKE OK, *the show is going to start*⁰ at 8 p.m. (the show/start)
 AMY When¹ here? (you/get)
 LUKE² here at 6 p.m. (I/get)
³ at the same time. (The rest of you/come)
 KATE When⁴? (the refreshments/arrive)
 LUKE⁵ at 6.30 p.m. (They/arrive)
⁶ them in the kitchen immediately. (We/put)
 Then⁷ the chairs for the audience. (we/arrange)
 PAUL When⁸ arriving? (people/start)
 LUKE⁹ arriving for the event at 7.30 p.m. (People/start)
¹⁰ the parking outside. (Robin and Thelma/organize)
¹¹ the tickets at the door. (Pamela/collect)
¹² her. (Alan/help)
 SALLY What¹³? (the timetable for the show/be)
 LUKE¹⁴ at 9 p.m. (The first part of the show/finish)
¹⁵ the food and drinks in the interval. (Elaine and Frank/serve)
¹⁶ for 20 minutes. (The interval/last)
¹⁷ at 9.20 p.m. (The second part of the show/begin)
¹⁸ at 11 p.m. (The show/finish)
 PAUL¹⁹ afterwards? (we/stay)
 LUKE Yes,²⁰ the hall after the show. (we/ tidy)

Find words in the conversation with these meanings. The words are all connected with public events:

- A people watching/ listening
 B food and drink
 C pause between parts
 D performance

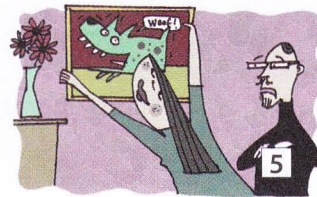
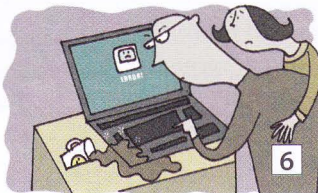


C Predictions at home

Bob and Louise are doing various things at home. Complete their predictions, using *going to* and the correct verbs from the box.

be drop not work taste finish ruin fall not look

- 0 We *'re going to finish* this wall soon.
 1 This meal great.
 2 Be careful. That shelf on you.
 3 This letter a bill.
 4 You those books.
 5 That picture good there.
 6 The computer There's something wrong with it.
 7 You that shirt.



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The future Will and shall

3 Some examples of **will** (**will** + verb):

I'll speak to you later.

It won't cost a lot.

Will you help me?

4 The forms of **will** are the same for all persons:

POSITIVE

I/you/he/she/it/we/they **will**/'ll help

NEGATIVE

I/you/he/she/it/we/they **will not** / won't help

QUESTIONS

will I/you/he/she/it/we/they help

5 We use **shall** in questions with I and we:

Shall I go with you?

Shall we have something to eat?

Grammar in action

5 We use **will** for actions in the future that we decide to do at the moment of speaking. We think first and speak using **will** at the same time that we decide. In this example, someone is looking at a menu in a restaurant:

I'm not sure what to order ... OK, I'll have the Chef's Special dish.

6 We use **will** for offering to do something. Here, the speaker offers help after a meal:

Sit down! I'll do the washing-up.

7 We use **will** for promises:

Don't worry. I won't tell anyone your secret.

8 We use **will** to give opinions about the future. We often use phrases like *I'm sure*, *I think*, and *I don't think* before **will** to give opinions about the future:

I'm sure you'll feel better soon.



9 We use **will** for facts about the future:

My daughter will be 5 years old next year.

10 We use **shall** in questions for offering to do something for another person. Here, the speaker offers help to someone who has a problem:

Shall I carry that heavy case for you?

11 We use **shall** in questions for suggesting possible actions and asking if an idea is good:

Shall we stop now?



D Tomorrow's an important day

Complete this conversation, using **will** or **shall** and the words in the box. You will need to use negative verbs in some gaps. Use short forms if possible.

I/cook I/bring I/be you/do I/have I/keep I/tell you/be I/leave
you/get I/watch you/wake I/go I/forget

- JANE I don't think I'll watch⁰ the rest of this programme. I think
.....¹ to bed now, I'm very tired.
- SUE OK. I think² watching.³ you what
happens at the end tomorrow.
- JANE⁴ me up in the morning? Please remember. It's important.
- SUE Don't worry,⁵. And⁶ you a cup of tea in
bed.⁷ you some breakfast, too?
- JANE No,⁸ time to eat breakfast.
- SUE Of course⁹ able to have breakfast!
- JANE OK, maybe some toast. And then¹⁰ for the interview.
.....¹¹ very nervous about it.
- SUE Don't be nervous. I'm sure¹² well and I think
.....¹³ the job.
- JANE Oh, I hope so.

E The visit next week

Michael is going to stay at Andrew's house next weekend. Complete their phone conversation about his visit, using *will* or *shall* and the words in brackets. You will need to use negative verbs in some gaps. Use short forms if possible.

- MICHAEL *I'll see*⁰ you next Friday. (I/see)
ANDREW¹ you at the bus station? (I/meet)
MICHAEL No, it's OK.² from there to your house. (I/walk)
ANDREW³ my house? (you/find)
MICHAEL Yes,⁴ easy. (it/be)
.....⁵ lost. (I/get)
ANDREW⁶ you a map? (I/send)
MICHAEL No,⁷ one. (I/need)
.....⁸ a sleeping bag with me? (I/bring)
ANDREW No,⁹ necessary. (that/be)
.....¹⁰ you in the spare room. (I/put)
.....¹¹ very comfortable there. (You/be)
MICHAEL That's great.¹² you when I get to the bus station? (I/call)
ANDREW Yes, and then¹³ for you to arrive. (I/wait)
MICHAEL Fine. I'm sure¹⁴ a great weekend. (we/have)
ANDREW Me too.

F A new life

Sam's friend Eddie is going to live in another country. Complete Sam's email to Eddie, using *will* or *shall* and the correct verbs from the box. You will need to form negatives and questions in some gaps and you will need to use one of the verbs three times. Use short forms if possible.

tell come meet talk be learn have write send
fix wonder contact forget miss keep

I'm sure you *'ll have*⁰ a great time in your new country. You¹
lots of new people and you² all about a different culture. And you
.....³ so busy when you get there that you⁴ your friends or this
country too much.
Of course things⁵ the same here without you. I'm sure we⁶
about you and we⁷ what you're doing. We certainly⁸ you.
.....⁹ to you first or¹⁰ me first? I¹¹ you up to
date with all the news from here.¹² me all about what happens when you get
there? And¹³ me some photographs of your new home?
I'm sure it¹⁴ long before we see each other again. Perhaps I¹⁵
and visit you some time next year. We¹⁶ a date for that soon.

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