

# I'm going to ...

## A I'm going to (do something)

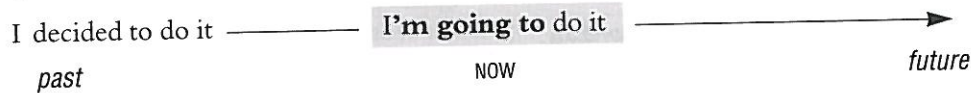


She **is going to** watch TV this evening.

We use **am/is/are going to...** for the *future*:

I	<b>am</b>	(not) <b>going to</b>	do ...
he/she/it	<b>is</b>		drink ...
we/you/they	<b>are</b>		watch ...
<b>am</b>	I	<b>going to</b>	buy ... ?
<b>is</b>	he/she/it		eat ... ?
<b>are</b>	we/you/they		wear ... ?

## B I am going to do something = I have decided to do it, my intention is to do it:



- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah **is going to** sell her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What **are you going to wear** to the party tonight?
- 'Your hands are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to wash them.'
- **Are you going to invite** John to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (⇒ Unit 26):

- I **am playing** tennis with Julia tomorrow.

## C Something is going to happen

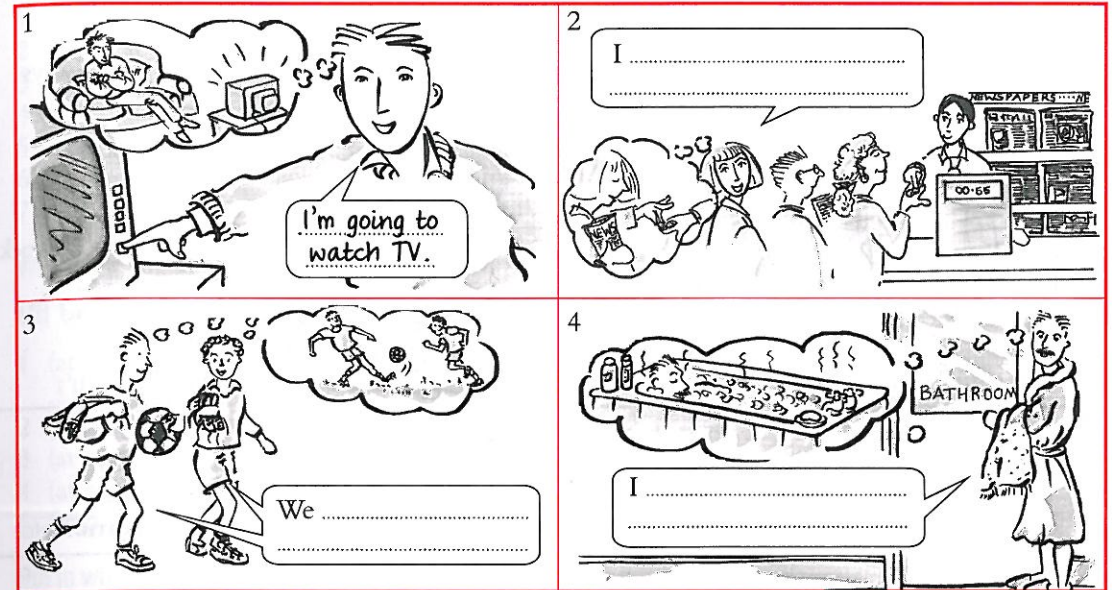
Something **is going to happen** = it is clear *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! It's going to rain. (black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready. I'm going to be late. (9 o'clock *now* and not ready → late)



## EXERCISES

### 1 What are these people saying?

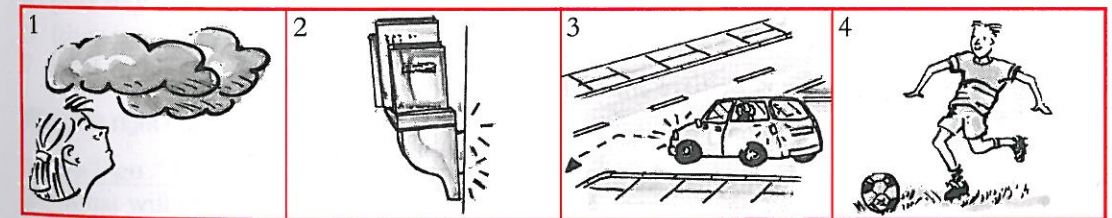


### 2 Complete the sentences. Use **going to** + one of these verbs:

eat do give lie down stay walk wash watch wear

- 1 My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
- 2 What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- 3 I don't want to go home by bus. I .....
- 4 John is going to London next week. He ..... with some friends.
- 5 I'm hungry. I ..... this sandwich.
- 6 It's Sharon's birthday next week. We ..... her a present.
- 7 Sue says she's feeling very tired. She ..... for an hour.
- 8 There's a good film on TV this evening. .... you ..... it?
- 9 What ..... Rachel ..... when she leaves school?

### 3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- 1 It's going to rain. ....
- 2 The shelf ..... 3 The car .....
- 4 He .....

### 4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

- 1 I'm .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....