

I will and I'm going to

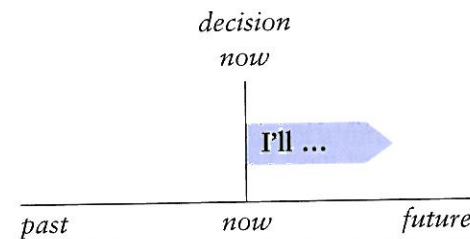
A Future actions

Study the difference between **will** and **(be) going to**:

Sue is talking to Helen:



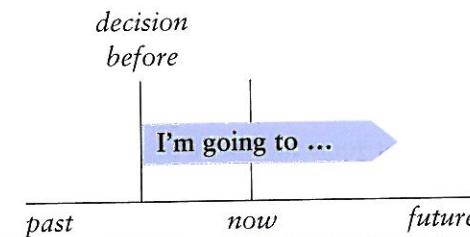
will ('ll): We use **will** when we decide to do something at the time of speaking. The speaker has not decided before. The party is a new idea.



Later that day, Helen meets Dave:



(be) going to: We use **(be) going to** when we have *already decided* to do something. Helen had already decided to invite lots of people *before* she spoke to Dave.



Compare:

- 'Gary phoned while you were out.' 'OK. I'll call him back.'
- 'Gary phoned while you were out.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to call him back.'
- 'Ann is in hospital.' 'Oh really? I didn't know. I'll go and visit her.'
- 'Ann is in hospital.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to visit her this evening.'

B Future happenings and situations (predicting the future)

Sometimes there is not much difference between **will** and **going to**. For example, you can say:

- I think the weather **will** be nice this afternoon.
- I think the weather is **going to** be nice this afternoon.

When we say something is **going to** happen, we think this is because of the situation *now* (see Unit 20C). For example:

- Look at those black clouds. It's **going to rain**. (*not* It will rain)
(We can see that it is **going to rain** from the clouds that are in the sky *now*.)
- I feel terrible. I think I'm **going to be sick**. (*not* I think I'll be sick)
(I think I'm **going to be sick** because I feel terrible *now*.)

Do not use **will** in this type of situation.

In other situations, use **will**:

- Tom **will** probably get here at about 8 o'clock.
- I think Sarah **will** like the present we bought for her.
- These shoes are very well-made. They'll last a long time.

23.1 Complete the sentences using **will ('ll)** or **going to**.

- 1 A: Why are you turning on the television?
B: I'm going to watch the news. (I / watch)
- 2 A: Oh, I've just realised. I haven't got any money.
B: Haven't you? Well, don't worry. _____ you some. (I / lend)
- 3 A: I've got a headache.
B: Have you? Wait a second and _____ an aspirin for you. (I / get)
- 4 A: Why are you filling that bucket with water?
B: _____ the car. (I / wash)
- 5 A: I've decided to repaint this room.
B: Oh, have you? What colour _____ it? (you / paint)
- 6 A: Where are you going? Are you going shopping?
B: Yes, _____ something for dinner. (I / buy)
- 7 A: I don't know how to use this camera.
B: It's easy. _____ you. (I / show)
- 8 A: What would you like to eat?
B: _____ a sandwich, please. (I / have)
- 9 A: Did you post that letter for me?
B: Oh, I'm sorry. I completely forgot. _____ it now. (I / do)
- 10 A: The ceiling in this room doesn't look very safe, does it?
B: No, it looks as if _____ down. (it / fall)
- 11 A: Has George decided what to do when he leaves school?
B: Yes. Everything is planned. _____ a holiday for a few weeks.
(he / have) Then _____ a computer programming course. (he / do)

23.2 Read the situations and complete the sentences using **will ('ll)** or **going to**.

- 1 The phone rings and you answer. Somebody wants to speak to Jim.
CALLER: Hello. Can I speak to Jim, please?
YOU: Just a moment. I'll get him. (I / get)
- 2 It's a nice day, so you have decided to take a walk. Just before you go, you tell your friend.
YOU: The weather's too nice to stay in. _____ a walk. (I / take)
FRIEND: Good idea. I think _____ you. (I / join)
- 3 Your friend is worried because she has lost an important letter.
YOU: Don't worry about the letter. I'm sure _____ it. (you / find)
FRIEND: I hope so.
- 4 There was a job advertised in the paper recently. At first you were interested, but then you decided not to apply.
FRIEND: Have you decided what to do about that job you were interested in?
YOU: Yes, _____ for it. (I / not / apply)
- 5 You and a friend come home very late. Other people in the house are asleep. Your friend is noisy.
YOU: Shh! Don't make so much noise. _____ everybody up. (you / wake)
- 6 Paul has to go to the airport to catch a plane tomorrow morning.
PAUL: Liz, I need somebody to take me to the airport tomorrow morning.
LIZ: That's no problem. _____ you. (I / take) What time is your flight?
PAUL: 10.50.
LIZ: OK, _____ at about 9 o'clock then. (we / leave)
Later that day, Joe offers to take Paul to the airport.
JOE: Paul, do you want me to take you to the airport?
PAUL: No thanks, Joe. _____ me. (Liz / take)

18.3
2-10

She used to have lots of friends, but she doesn't know many people these days. She used to be very lazy, but she works very hard these days. She didn't use to like cheese, but she eats lots of cheese now. She used to be a hotel receptionist, but she works in a bookshop now. She used to play the piano, but she hasn't played the piano for years. She never used to read newspapers, but she reads a newspaper every day now. She didn't use to drink tea, but she likes it now. She used to have a dog, but it died two years ago. She used to go to a lot of parties, but she hasn't been to a party for ages.

UNIT 19

19.1

- 2 How long are you going for?
- 3 When are you leaving?
- 4 Are you going alone?
- 5 Are you travelling by car?
- 6 Where are you staying?

19.2

- 2 I'm working late. / I'm working till 9 o'clock.
- 3 I'm going to the theatre.
- 4 I'm meeting Julia.

19.3

Example answers:

- 2 I'm working tomorrow morning.
- 3 I'm not doing anything tomorrow evening.
- 4 I'm playing football next Sunday.
- 5 I'm going to a party this evening.

19.4

- 3 're having / are having
- 4 finishes
- 5 'm not going / am not going ... 'm staying / am staying
- 6 Are you doing
- 7 're going / are going ... starts
- 8 'm leaving / am leaving
- 9 're meeting / are meeting
- 10 does this train get
- 11 'm going / am going ... Are you coming
- 12 does it end
- 13 'm not using / am not using

- 14 's coming / is coming ... 's travelling / is travelling ... arrives

UNIT 20

20.1

- 2 What are you going to wear?
- 3 Where are you going to put it?
- 4 Who are you going to invite?

20.2

- 2 I'm going to take it back.
- 3 I'm not going to accept it.
- 4 I'm going to phone her tonight.
- 5 I'm going to complain.

20.3

- 2 He's going to be late.
- 3 The boat is going to sink.
- 4 They're going to run out of petrol.

20.4

- 2 was going to buy
- 3 were going to play
- 4 was going to phone
- 5 was going to give up
- 6 were going to have

UNIT 21

21.1

- 2 I'll turn / I'll switch / I'll put
- 3 I'll go
- 4 I'll do
- 5 I'll show / I'll teach
- 6 I'll have
- 7 I'll send
- 8 I'll give / I'll bring
- 9 I'll stay / I'll wait

21.2

- 2 I'll go to bed.
- 3 I think I'll walk.
- 4 I'll play tennis (today).
- 5 I don't think I'll go swimming.

21.3

- 3 I'll meet
- 4 I'll lend
- 5 I'm having
- 6 I won't forget
- 7 does your train leave
- 8 won't tell
- 9 Are you doing
- 10 Will you come

21.4

- 2 Shall I buy it?
- 3 What shall I give/buy/get Helen (for her birthday)?
- 4 Where shall we go (on holiday)?
- 5 Shall we go by car or (shall we) walk? / ... or (shall we go) on foot?
- 6 What time shall I phone (you)?

UNIT 22

22.1

- 2 I'm going
- 3 will get
- 4 is coming
- 5 we're going
- 6 It won't hurt

22.2

- 2 will look
- 3 'll like / will like
- 4 'll get / will get
- 5 will live
- 6 'll meet / will meet
- 7 'll come / will come
- 8 will be

22.3

- 2 won't
- 3 'll / will
- 4 won't
- 5 'll / will
- 6 won't

22.4

Example answers:

- 2 I'll be in bed.
- 3 I'll be at work.
- 4 I'll probably be at home.
- 5 I don't know where I'll be this time next year.

22.5

- 2 Do you think it will rain?
- 3 When do you think it will end?
- 4 How much do you think it will cost?
- 5 Do you think they'll get married? / ... they will get married?
- 6 What time do you think you'll be back? / ... you will be back?
- 7 What do you think will happen?

UNIT 23

23.1

- 2 I'll lend
- 3 I'll get
- 4 I'm going to wash
- 5 are you going to paint
- 6 I'm going to buy
- 7 I'll show
- 8 I'll have
- 9 I'll do
- 10 it's going to fall
- 11 He's going to have ... he's going to do

23.2

- 2 I'm going to take ... I'll join
- 3 you'll find
- 4 I'm not going to apply
- 5 You'll wake
- 6 I'll take ... we'll leave ... Liz is going to take