

Talking about the future!

Comme vous avez pu le constater, il y a plusieurs façons d'exprimer le futur en anglais. Nous avons introduit la structure **be going to + verbe**, **will+ verbe** et sachez qu'il existe encore d'autres structures. Nous vous proposons cette semaine de continuer à travailler sur cette notion du futur. Ne vous inquiétez pas, le choix entre toutes ces structures deviendra « naturel ». "Practice makes perfect "as we say in English.

Keep this in mind before getting started:

a) We use *will / won't (=will not)* + the infinitive for **predictions about the future**:

Examples: Oliver'll be back soon. We **won't** be ready. Do you think it'll rain this afternoon?

We also use *will* when we decide something **at the moment of speaking** (au moment où l'on s'exprime):

Example: (the doorbell rings) I'll get it. (Je décide d'aller ouvrir la porte au moment où j'entends la sonnette, c'est une décision prise sur le moment).

It's also very common to use verbs like *I'm sure, I think, I expect...* with *will*:

Example: I'm sure you'll have a good time.

b) Now, if *will* is used for decisions made at the moment of speaking, what do we use for decisions made **before** the moment of speaking? (Qu'utilise t-on alors pour les décisions prises avant la prise de parole?)

We can use either **the present continuous (be+ v-ing)** or **be going to+ infinitive**:

Examples: Amy's **coming** around. We're **going to watch** a movie- do you want to join us?
What **are you doing** this evening?

The **present continuous** is used more for arrangements with other people (quand on convient de quelque chose avec une autre personne) and **be going to** for **intentions**.

Examples: Amy's **coming around** (arrangement between Amy and another person)

Amy's **going to come around** (Amy's intention)

I'm **going to clean** my room tonight (intention)

Be going to is also used for **predictions** when you see something about to happen(quand on sent que quelque chose va se produire grâce à des indices):

Example: Look out! You're **going to spill** that coffee! (Fais attention! Tu vas renverser ce café !)

Exercise I a) : Look at the pictures and for each situation choose the right sentence , a or b (Observe chaque situation et complète la phrase qui se trouve dans la bulle).



- a) he'll be sick.
- b) he's going to be sick.

- a) Really? Then I'll go and see it tomorrow.
- b) Yes, I'm going to see

- a) I'm going to mend the fence.
- b) I'll mend the fence.

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b) Quelle situation du document précédent est décrite par les phrases suivantes?

1- Dans la situation celui qui parle prédit un évènement basé sur des indices solides.

2- Dans la situation..... le locuteur pense que quelque chose se produira en conséquence d'un autre évènement.

3- Dans les situations et les locuteurs ont déjà pris leurs décisions avant la situation.

4- Dans les situations et ce que les personnages décident de faire est une conséquence de la situation.

5- Dans la situation, le locuteur propose de faire quelque chose pour quelqu'un.

c) Conclude : WILL OR BE GOING TO?

- 1 You have strong present evidence (indices, preuves):
- 2 You have decided before:.....
- 3 You think something might happen as a result of something else:.....
- 4 You decide something as a result of the current situation:.....
- 5 You make an offer to do something:.....

Exercise II: you're on holiday with a friend. Decide which reply is appropriate to what your friend says to you. (Entoure la bonne expression).

Your friend	You
1) Have you got any plans for the evening?	a) yes, I'll write some postcards. b) yes, I'm going to write some postcards.
2) In that case, I think we should stay in a hotel tonight.	a) Good idea, it'll be more comfortable than the tent. b) Good idea, it's going to be more comfortable than the tent.
3) I'm too tired to drive any further!	a) Ok, I'll drive. b) Ok, I'm going to drive.
4) Oh no! Look at the petrol gauge!	a) Yes, I think we'll run out of petrol. b) Yes, I think we're going to run out of petrol.
5) This backpack is so heavy! I can hardly carry it.	a) I'll help you. b) I'm going to help you.
6) The sea looks really rough. Do you still want to take a boat tomorrow?	a) No, if it's rough, I think I'll be sick. b) No, If it's rough, I think I'm going to be sick.

Exercise III: Read your friend's comments on the left and fill in the answers:

a) This tent looks really unsafe.

Yes, be careful, it *is going to* fall down.

b) I can't reach my back to put this sun cream on.

Don't worry, I help you.

c) Just look at those black clouds overhead!

Well, I'm not going anywhere, I'm sure it rain.

d) I think it might be windy tomorrow.

If it's windy, it too hard to swim.

e) Can you remember the phone number of the pizzeria?

No, but wait I in my address book.

CORRECTION

1-LOOK AT THE PICTURE AND COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- ❖ Monica is going to visit her grandma because she is ill.
- ❖ Sally is going to the theatre.
- ❖ Paulo is going to play the guitar
- ❖ John is going to play computer games
- ❖ Sonia is going to the zoo.

- ❖ Tom and Sam are going to sail in the lake.

- ❖ Maria is going to surf

2-COMplete the conversation with the words from the box.

SAMUEL: Hi, girls, what are you going to do next weekend?

MARTHA AND SARA: Hello Samuel, we're going to buy some clothes and a pair of new shoes for the party, and you?

SAMUEL: Well, I think I'm not going to buy clothes or shoes, I'm going to play my favorite sport, basketball!

MARTHA AND SARA: Who are you going to go with?

SAMUEL: We're three.

MARTHA AND SARA: Ohh! Only three?

SAMUEL: Yes, we're three but we are going to meet the others at the club.

MARTHA AND SARA: Are you going to go at the party at Sue's house ?

SAMUEL: Yes!, what time is it?

MARTHA AND SARA: Mmm.. At nine but you can arrive a bit late. It isn't going to start before 9:30.

SAMUEL: Ok. Great! So see you there, bye!

MARTHA AND SARA: Bye!