

## Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *be going to*

**Focus:** In this lesson, you will learn and practice *be going to* to talk about plans in the future.

Read and understand the target language below.

When we talk about plans in the future, we use **be going to**. The structure is: **be verb + going + infinitive (to + verb)**. In the example sentences below, the people have likely bought tickets and made other travel plans.

- My friend **is going to stay** with her parents for New Year's.
- They **are going to visit** Italy for their honeymoon.

Negative sentences show someone without a plan to take action. We use: **be verb + not + going + infinitive**.

- My friend **is not going to stay** with her parents for New Year's. The flights are too expensive.
- They **are not going to visit** Italy for their honeymoon. They **are going to go** to France.

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|---------------|-----|---------------------|------|-----|---------------------|
| I             | am  | (not) going to verb | we   | are | (not) going to verb |
| you           | are | (not) going to verb |      |     |                     |
| he / she / it | is  | (not) going to verb | they | are | (not) going to verb |

Look at the below examples to understand the structure for questions:

**Closed Questions:** **be verb + subject + going + infinitive (to + verb)**

**Q:** **Are** you **going to go** to the party tonight?

**A:** Yes, I am. I'm **going to go** there after work.

No, I'm not. I'm **not going to go** the party. I'm **going to see** a movie tonight.

**Open Questions:** **wh-question + be verb + subject + going + infinitive (to + verb)**

**Q:** **What are** you **going to do** in New York?

**A:** I'm **going to see** my friends there.

Watch out for mistakes!

We also use **will** to talk about the future. However, **will** isn't used for future plans.

**X** My friend ~~**will visit**~~ me this weekend. I ~~**will meet**~~ her at the airport.

**O** My friend **is going to visit** me this weekend.

## Pre-Lesson Practice

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Practice: Now try some activities to help you use the target language.

Complete the sentences with *be going to* for future plans.

- 1: Ben and Kim \_\_\_\_\_ to Mexico for their honeymoon.  
a: going to travel                      b: is going to travel                      c: are going to travel
- 2: I \_\_\_\_\_ for the test tonight.  
a: am going to study                      b: is going to study                      c: is go to studying
- 3: He \_\_\_\_\_ a movie tonight with his friend.  
a: are going to see                      b: is going to see                      c: is to going seeing
- 4: Cindy \_\_\_\_\_ tonight until 10:00 pm.  
a: are going to work                      b: is going to working                      c: is going to work
- 5: We \_\_\_\_\_ a new car for our son's birthday!  
a: aren't going to buy                      b: aren't going to buying                      c: are going to buying

Complete the questions with *be going to* for future plans.

- 6: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the basketball game tonight?  
a: Are ... going to buy                      b: Is ... going to buy                      c: Are ... going to buying
- 7: \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ to the party?  
a: Are ... going to coming                      b: Are ... going to come                      c: Are ... go to coming
- 8: What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in London?  
a: are ... going to do                      b: are ... going doing                      c: is ... going to do
- 9: When \_\_\_\_\_ Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to Tokyo?  
a: is ... going to moving                      b: are ... going to move                      c: is ... going to move

# Answers

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Complete the sentences with *be going to* for future plans.

- 1: (c) Ben and Kim **are going to travel** to Mexico for their honeymoon.
- 2: (a) I **am going to study** for the test tonight.
- 3: (b) He **is going to see** a movie tonight with his friend.
- 4: (c) Cindy **is going to work** tonight until 10:00 pm.
- 5: (a) We **aren't going to buy** a new car for our son's birthday.

Complete the questions with *be going to* for future plans.

- 6: (a) **Are** you **going to buy** tickets for the basketball game tonight?
- 7: (b) **Are** they **going to come** to the party?
- 8: (a) What **are** you **going to do** in London?
- 9: (c) When **is** Paul **going to move** to Tokyo?