



FUTURE FORMS: will & be going to

Will + infinitive

- A new idea, decided at the moment of speaking.

I'll go to the beach tomorrow.

We'll buy some bread on our way home

- Facts or information
For giving information about the future

It will be autumn soon

He'll meet you at the station at 4pm.

- Predictions when guessing, or giving an opinion without necessarily having evidence.

Our team will win the football.

I think it will be warmer next week

- Offers, Requests, Promises & Threats

I'll drive you to the station.

Will you give me a hand?

I promise I'll pay you back tomorrow.

I'll tell Mum you ate all the biscuits!

- Conditional 'If' & 'When' Clauses

If we see John, we'll give him your phone number.

It will be late when you arrive home.

Be Going to + infinitive

- Intentions, plans & arrangements where the decision was made before the moment of speaking:

I've spoken to the bank manager and I'm going to buy a house.

She's going to buy a new car.

We're going to get married!

NOTE: Unlike with the Present Continuous these plans are not necessarily arrangements:

My shoes are really dirty, but don't worry, I'm going to clean them.

Johnny says he's going to be a fireman when he grows up.

What are you going to eat for lunch today?

- Predictions with evidence

Look at those black clouds. It's going to rain.

Many small businesses are going to suffer in this financial crisis.

We're going to be late, there's so much traffic.



PRACTICE: Prepositions of Time with will or be going to

Complete each phrase with **Ø** (= no preposition), **in**, **at** or **on** then make it into a sentence using either *will* or *be going to*

_____ seven o'clock this evening.....

_____ tomorrow.....

_____ my birthday.....

_____ the weekend.....

_____ Friday evening.....

_____ October.....

_____ Christmas time.....

_____ the summer holidays.....

_____ nine o'clock tomorrow morning.....

_____ the winter.....

_____ 2035 (year)

_____ the next century.....