

- **BE TO (am/is/are/was/were + to-infinitive)**
Used for formal plans, official arrangements, instructions and prohibitions:
*The British Ambassador **is to meet** the President at the White House on Friday.*
*The factory **is to close** for three weeks for repairs.*
*She **is to become** the youngest Member of Parliament in our history.*
*You're **to be** there by eight o'clock.*
*You're **not to cross** the road without me.*
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- **BE DUE TO / ABOUT TO / ON THE POINT OF**
be due + to-infinitive: used for arrangements that are to take place at a fixed time. Often used with timetables and official itineraries:
*The plane's **due to arrive** in half an hour.*
*Clare's **due to have** her operation in three weeks' time.*
be (just) about + to-infinitive: used to refer to something that will happen very soon, in the immediate future:
*Don't start talking to them now: they're **about to leave**.*
be (just) on the point of + gerund or noun: used to refer to something in the very immediate future:
*It is understood that the Chancellor **is on the point of announcing** his resignation.*
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Practice

22 Rewrite the sentences using *be (not) to*, *due to*, *about to*, *on the point of*, *plan/intend/propose/hope/agree/promise (not) to*.

You may use a verb or expression more than once.

- 1 I'm sorry I can't talk to you now. I'm going to work in a minute.

I'm sorry I can't talk to you now. I'm about to go to work.

- 2 The Council have decided what they would like to do one day.

They are going to close the old swimming pool.

The Council intend to close the old swimming pool.

- 3 They are making plans now. They are going to have a big wedding in the summer.

- 4 The train will depart at 8.25.

- 5 The Condor Freight Company have had discussions with staff representatives and they have reached an agreement on work clothes.

They are going to provide free work clothes to all employees.

- 6 You must not enter the building without signing your name in the register.

- 7 The Government have made a promise. They will not increase taxes during the next year.

- 8 The economy will collapse in the very near future; it will happen at any time now.

- 9 The Department of Social Security has made a proposal. It is probably going to cut unemployment benefit.

10 My grandfather is going to die soon.

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11 I hope I'll find a new job before the end of the year.

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12 Do you promise that you won't tell anyone about this?

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13 What are the two leaders' intentions? When are they going to meet?

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14 They are making plans. They are going to move abroad.

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15 You will arrive at the hotel at 7.30 in the evening.

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