FUTURE: WILL & BE GOING TO

WILL

- **Express future actions decided at the moment of speaking** (immediate decision)

  E.g: I'll have salad now.

- **Express a prediction based on personal opinions or experiences**

  E.g: I think United will win the game.

- **Express a future fact**

  E.g: The sun will rise tomorrow.

GOING TO

- **Express future plans decided before the moment of speaking** (prior plans)

  E.g: I'm going to visit my aunt next Friday.

- **Express a prediction based on present evidence**

  E.g: Look at those black clouds. It is going to rain.

- **Express that something is about to happen**

  E.g: Get back! The bomb is going to explode.

Both Will and Going to can be used for making future predictions without having a real difference in meaning.

E.g: I think it will be foggy tomorrow. = I think it is going to be foggy tomorrow.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTIONS
I am going to play.	I am not going to watch TV.	Am I going to swim?
You are going to play.	You aren't going to watch TV.	Are you going to swim?
He is going to play.	He isn't going to watch TV.	Is he going to swim?
She is going to play.	She isn't going to watch TV.	Is she going to swim?
It is going to play.	It isn't going to watch TV.	Is it going to swim?
We are going to play.	We aren't going to watch TV.	Are we going to swim?
You are going to play.	You aren't going to watch TV.	Are you going to swim?
They are going to play.	They aren't going to watch TV.	Are they going to swim?

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTIONS
I will play.	I won't watch TV.	Will I swim?
You will play.	You won't watch TV.	Will you swim?
He will play.	He won't watch TV.	Will he swim?
She will play.	She won't watch TV.	Will she swim?
It will play.	It won't watch TV.	Will it swim?
We will play.	We won't watch TV.	Will we swim?
You will play.	You won't watch TV.	Will you swim?
They will play.	They won't watch TV.	Will they swim?

Will vs. Going To

Prediction

A- Fill in the gaps using the verbs in brackets. Sometimes both forms are acceptable.

1. Do you think that it _____ (rain) today?
2. Look out! The baby _____ (fall)!
3. I'm sure that I _____(get) good grades this year.
4. Wow, look at Carol! She _____ (have) a baby!
5. One day Chinese _____(be) more important than English.
6. At this rate, they _____(not pass) the year.
7. World peace _____ (not happen) anytime soon.
8. Gaming technology _____(not stop) progressing.
9. It _____ (be) easy to find a good job.
10. I promise I _____ (not tell) him about the surprise party.

B - Considering all the uses of will and going to, choose the best form.

1. "Why are you wearing those old clothes?"
   "Because I will do / am going to do the gardening."
2. "I think I have a temperature."
   "Wait a minute. I will get / am going to get the thermometer."
3. "What time is Ann's party?"
   "I don't know but I will phone / am going to phone her."
4. "Why are you buying so much food?"
   "Because I will invite/ am going to invite some friends for dinner."
5. "What will you do / are you going to do in the summer holidays?"
   "I will spend / am going to spend a few weeks at my cousin's beach house."
6. "Don't forget it's a secret!"
   "Don't worry, I won't tell / am not going to tell anyone."
7. "What do you want to eat?"
   "I'm not sure. Maybe I will have / am going to have a cheeseburger."
8. "Look how that lunatic is driving! He will kill / is going to kill someone!"
   "I will get / am going to get his number plate. Have you got a pen?"