FUTURE TENSES

WILL / GOING TO / PRESENT SIMPLE

When we talk about holidays and travel, we often use *be going to* to talk about plans and the Present Simple to talk about future events in timetables. We use *will* for spontaneous decisions and predictions.

I **am going to fly** to Venice next week.
My flight **leaves** on Wednesday morning.
Maybe I'**ll come** with you.
We'**ll have** a lot of fun!

Choose the correct answer.

PLANS:

1 Dan **isn't going to ride** / **won't ride** his motorbike to the beach this afternoon. He's taking the bus.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

2 The play **will begin** / **begins** at 8.00. Don't be late.

3 Our flight **will leave** / **leaves** at midnight.

PREDICTIONS:

4 **Is it going to snow** / **Will it snow** tonight?

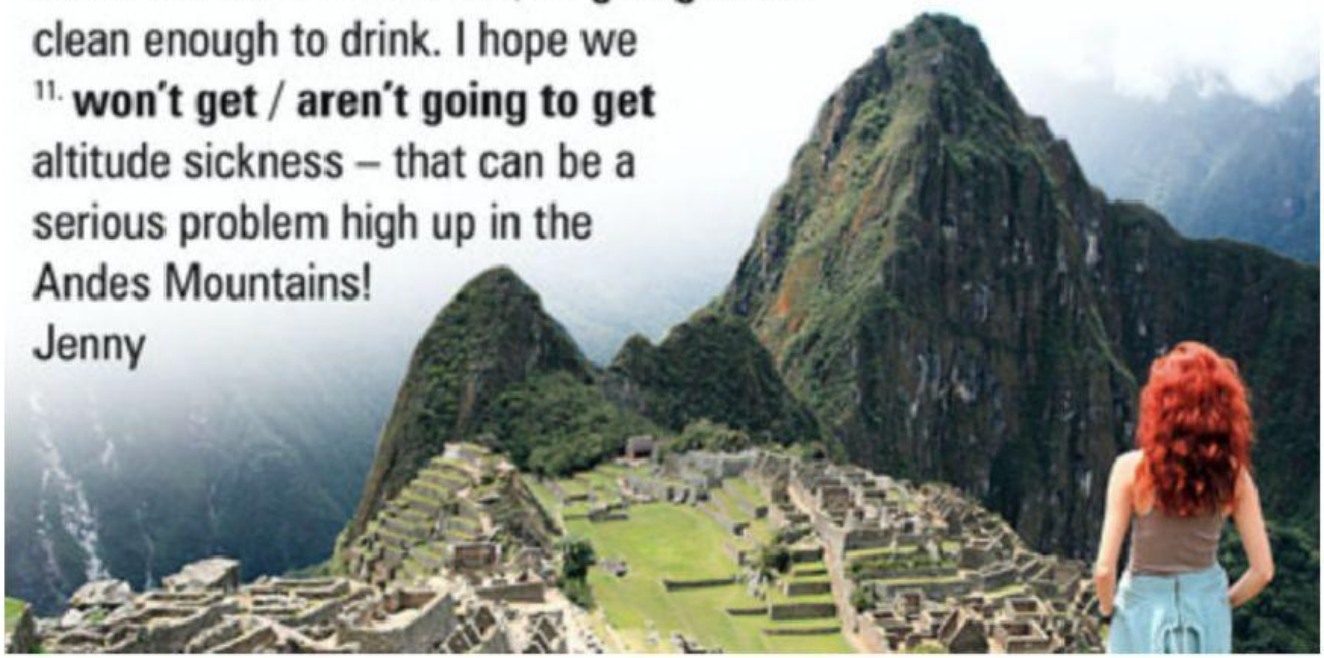
5 I'm sure the trip **is going to be** / **will be** fun!

SPONTANEOUS DECISIONS:

6 Where are we? Wait! I **am going to look** / **will look** at the map.

7 Mmm – that chicken smells good! We **are going to have** / **will have** some, too!

Dear Andrew,

I've got great news! Next week, Katie and I [1.] **will travel / are going to travel** to South America. Our flight [2.] **leaves / will leave** on Monday. We [3.] **spend / are going to spend** six weeks there. In Peru, we [4.] **go / are going to go** on the Inca Trail and we [5.] **are going to hike / will hike** through the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu. The trip [6.] **probably costs / will probably cost** a lot of money and I know it [7.] **won't be / isn't going to be** easy, but we've planned everything carefully. We [8.] **will buy / are going to buy** strong backpacks and warm sleeping bags – the nights are very cold there, even in the summer. We [9.] **carry / are going to carry** a lot of water with us because we aren't sure the water there [10.] **will be / is going to be** clean enough to drink. I hope we [11.] **won't get / aren't going to get** altitude sickness – that can be a serious problem high up in the Andes Mountains!

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