

11C be going to and future time expressions

We use *be going to* + the base form to talk about future plans.

I'm going to visit friends in Mexico this year.

He's going to have pizza for dinner tonight.

We're not going to stay at a hotel.

What are you going to do this summer?

11.7	I	he / she / it	you / we / they
+	I'm going to relax by the pool.	She's going to stay at a campsite.	We're going to visit a museum.
-	I'm not going to study this weekend.	She's not/She isn't going to stay at an apartment.	My friends aren't going to visit me next year.
?	Am I going to meet your friends later?	Is she going to stay at a hostel?	Are they going to eat out tonight?
Y/N	Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.	Yes, she is. / No, she's not/she isn't.	Yes, they are. / No, they're not/ they aren't.

Look! When the main verb is *go*, we do not normally use *to go* after *going*.

Are you going surfing tomorrow?

Camille is going abroad next year.

But it is also correct to use *to go*.

Are you going to go surfing tomorrow?

Camille is going to go abroad next year.

Future time expressions

We often use the following future time expressions with *be going to*:

this	morning / afternoon / evening / week / weekend / month / year / spring / summer / fall / winter / January, etc.
tomorrow	morning / afternoon / evening / night
next	week / month / year / spring / summer / fall / winter / January, etc.
in	the morning / afternoon / evening / spring / summer / fall / winter / January, etc.

Look! We say *tonight*, NOT *this-night*.

Today is Monday, January 1st.

Monday	January 1st	this week	this morning	tonight
Tuesday	January 2nd		tomorrow morning	tomorrow night
Wednesday	January 3rd			
Thursday	January 4th			
Friday	January 5th			
Saturday	January 6th	this weekend		
Sunday	January 7th			
Monday	January 8th		next Monday	next Monday night

1 Write sentences. Use *be going to*.

1 Mark / play / guitar / this evening

2 my parents / go / vacation / tomorrow

3 my sister / not run / a marathon / this summer

4 I / cook / dinner / tonight

5 you / go / swimming / this afternoon?

6 we / not use / our car / this year

2 Jamie, Fran, Paola, and Alfredo are on vacation together. Complete the conversation with the correct form of *be going to* and a verb from the box.



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Jamie What ¹ _____ you and Alfredo _____ tomorrow?

Paola In the morning, we ² _____ sightseeing in the city. We ³ _____ the castle and go shopping. What about you?

Jamie We ⁴ _____ running, and then we ⁵ _____ by the pool. In the afternoon, Fran ⁶ _____ a surfing class, and I ⁷ _____ my book on the beach.

Paola ⁸ _____ Fran _____ a surfing class every day?

Jamie Yes, she is. She really wants to learn.

Paola Don't you want to?

Jamie No, I just want to relax. I ⁹ _____ much this week. Just a bit of running and swimming.

Paola What about volleyball? Alfredo ¹⁰ _____ volleyball this evening. Are you interested?

Jamie Yeah! Thanks!

3 Today is Monday, March 10th. Write the time expressions for the days and times.

1 the morning of March 11th _____

2 March 17-23th _____

3 March 10-16th _____

4 the evening of March 10th _____

5 April _____

6 Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th _____