

Predictions and decisions

Predictions

When we express a prediction based on what we believe or think about the future, we use "**Will**" Ex: I think River Plate **will** win the match. I believe she'll arrive on time.

When we express a prediction about the future based on some evidence in the present, we use "**Going to**" Ex: Look at the traffic, we **are going to** be late. The clouds are very dark. It **is going to** rain soon

Important: this difference is usually not very clear, and in many cases both verbs are used to make predictions in the same way

Decisions

When we make a decision at the moment of speaking, we use "**will**" Ex: Somebody is knocking at the door, I'll go to open it. You can't do that on your own; I'll help you.

When we speak about a decision that we have already made (that is to say, it is a plan) we use "**going to**". Ex: Next weekend I'm **going to** paint my bedroom. My son is **going to** drive me to the doctor.

Choose the best option

1. It is freezing cold outside. I'm not feeling well. Don't worry, I am going to / I will make you a nice cup of tea.
2. Once I graduate I will / I am going to attend the Medicine School. I have wanted to be a doctor all my life.
3. It is snowing heavily. I think the referee will / is going to interrupt the game.
4. Maria is going to / will come to the party
5. I think she will / is going to be the next president of the USA.
6. Why are you holding that microphone? I will / am going to rehearse and record my new song.
7. I can't hear what you are saying. Well, I am going to / will turn the volume of the TV down.
8. We are so happy about the trip. We will / are going to visit Berlin, Praga and Budapest.
9. Let's watch this film. I think you are going to / will enjoy it.

