

## CLOSE UP: UNIT 5 LANGUAGE AWARENESS - FUTURE TENSE: WILL VS BE GOING TO

### Unit 5

#### 5.1 Will

##### Affirmative

I/he/she/it/we/you/they **will** build

##### Negative

I/he/she/it/we/you/they **will not (won't)** build

##### Questions

**Will** I/he/she/it/we/you/they build?

##### Short Answers

Yes, I/he/she/it **will**.

Yes, we/you/they **will**.

No, I/he/she/it **won't**.

No, we/you/they **won't**.

We use **will**

- for decisions made at the time of speaking.  
*I'll **ring** my friend to borrow her car.*
- for predictions without having evidence.  
*My son **will be** famous one day.*
- for promises.  
*He **won't be** late again. He promised.*
- for threats.  
*Don't tell anyone my secret or I'll never **speak** to you again!*
- to talk about future facts.  
*John **will be** seventeen years old tomorrow.*
- after verbs like *think, believe, be sure, expect*, etc and words like *probably, maybe*, etc.  
*I think I **will move** house next year.*
- to offer to do something for someone.  
*Dad **will help** you clean the house.*
- to ask someone to do something.  
***Will you please cook** dinner tonight?*

#### 5.2 Be Going To

##### Affirmative

I am ('m) **going to** build  
he/she/it is ('s) **going to** build  
we/you/they are ('re) **going to** build

##### Negative

I am ('m) **not going to** build  
he/she/it is **not (isn't)** going to build  
we/you/they are **not (aren't)** going to build

##### Questions

**Am** I going to build?  
**Is** he/she/it going to build?  
**Are** we/you/they going to build?

##### Short Answers

Yes, I **am**.

Yes, we/you/they **are**.

Yes, he/she/it **is**.

No, I'm **not**.

No, we/you/they **aren't**.

No, he/she/it **isn't**.

We use **be going to** for

- future plans.  
*They're **going to paint** the living room green at the weekend.*
- predictions for the near future based on present situations or evidence.  
*Oh no! The window is open and the rain **is going to come in**.*

### F Complete the sentences with the correct form of **will** or **going to** and the verb in brackets.

- A: I've finally decided what to put in the new living room.  
B: Really? What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / put) in there?
- A: Look! It has started to rain.  
B: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ (you / close) all the windows, please?
- A: Do you know your plans for next week?  
B: Yes. We \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the new roof of the terraced houses.
- A: Sammy, look what you've done!  
B: I'm sorry, Mum. I promise I \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) that again.
- A: Those little boys are too close to that cliff!  
B: Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off the edge!
- A: Have you finished decorating your new cottage yet?  
B: No, but I'm sure I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) very soon.
- A: Did you clean the floor for me?  
B: No, we forgot but we \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) it this afternoon.
- A: How old is your brother?  
B: Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) nine next Sunday.