Grammar: *be going to* and *will*

5. Complete the chart.

Use be going to to talk about plans in the future.
Use will to talk about predictions and unplanned decisions.

be going to	will
Wh- questions and answers	
What **are** you **going to do**?	Where **will** he **live**?
I'm _____ study agriculture.	**He'll live** in the outback.
I'm not going to study history.	He _____ **live** in Sydney.
Yes/No questions and answers	
Is he **going to study** history?	_____ you **stay** here?
Yes, he _____. / No, he **isn't**.	Yes, I **will**. / No, I **won't**.

Check your answers: Grammar reference, p. 113

Say it RIGHT!

The ***I*** in ***will*** is a short *i* (/ɪ/), and the ***e*** in ***we'll*** is a long ***e*** (/e/). However, in speaking, ***will*** and ***we'll*** often sound alike. They both can sound like /wɪl/. Listen to the sentences.

I will get married to Tom next year.
We'll get married in May.

Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 6 with a partner. Pay attention to the pronunciation of ***will*** and ***we'll***.

6. Match the questions with the answers.

1. *e* Will Sheila retire next year?
2. ___ When are you going to go to college?
3. ___ Will you get your driver's licenses in June?
4. ___ Are Tom and Rita getting married next month?
5. ___ When will you finish school?
6. ___ Is Lily going to have children?

a. No, they're not.
b. Yes, she is.
c. I'm going to start in September.
d. We'll be done in a year.
e. Yes, she will.
f. No, we won't. We'll get them in July.

7. Complete the conversation with the correct form of *be going to* for future plans or *will* for predictions and unplanned decisions.

Mom: I'm worried about Neil.
Dad: Why? What's the problem?
Mom: He says he [1] *is going to get* (get) an after-school job.
Dad: That [2] _____ (be) really difficult! [3] _____ he _____ (stop) playing soccer?
Mom: No, he [4] _____ (stay) on the team.
Dad: When [5] _____ he _____ (study)?
Mom: I don't know. I don't think he should get a job until the summer.
Dad: I agree! Maybe he [6] _____ (change) his mind. I [7] _____ (talk) to him tonight.
Mom: You can try, but he probably [8] _____ (not listen) to you.



NOTICE IT

Think, ***probably***, and ***maybe*** are often used with ***will*** for predictions and unplanned events.

*He **thinks** he'll **live** in the outback.*
*He **probably won't live** in Sydney.*
*Maybe they'll **get** married next year.*

Speaking: Future plans and predictions

8. YOUR TURN Work with a partner. First, tell your partner about what you are going to do or not going to do in the future. Then give predictions about what you will or won't do.

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