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- **Pronunciation:** / ə / – / ɜ: /
- **Grammar:**

The present progressive (with a future meaning) and *be going to*

Pronunciation

- Listen and repeat.

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teacher	other	bird	term
together	pagoda	work	shirt
about	today	church	early

- Practise these sentences.

1. Have you heard about our excursion to Thay Pagoda?
2. Her father is learning German with a teacher.
3. Last year the birds returned to the river earlier than this year.
4. The girls work in the church on Thursdays.
5. Was it Barbara's camera?
6. I'm thirsty, Nurse. I want a glass of water.

Grammar

The present progressive (with a future meaning) and ***be going to.***

Examples:

– *The first term* ***is coming*** *to an end soon.*

– *We* ***are going to*** *enjoy good weather with lots of sunshine.*

Exercise 1. Choose the correct option in brackets.

1. Tell me your plan, Lan. What (are you doing / will you do) this Saturday evening?
2. Mary (will get married / is getting married) next week.

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3. There's a good play on TV tonight. (Will you / Are you going to) watch it?
4. I feel terrible. I think I (will be / am going to be) sick.
5. There are a lot of black clouds in the sky. It (will / is going to) rain.

Exercise 2. Put the verbs in brackets in the present progressive or ***be going to.***

1. The Browns (go) to the cinema this evening.
2. We (have) an English-speaking club meeting next week. Would you like to come?
3. The cat is just behind the rat. It (catch) the latter.
4. Where you (put) this new bookcase?
5. Smoking is very bad for his health, but he (not give) it up.

Exercise 3. Complete the exchanges, using the present progressive or ***be going to.***

1. There's a football match on TV this afternoon. _____?

   No, I'm busy. _____.
2. Can you come next weekend?

   Sorry, we'd love to, but _____.
3. I hear Tim has won a lot of money. What _____?

   He says _____.
4. Should I leave the umbrella at home?

   It's cloudy and windy. _____. Take it along.
5. Do you think the windows are so dirty?

   Oh, yes. I _____ later.

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