

WILL vs. BE GOING TO

Future Simple (WILL/WON'T + infinitive)

USE

- for **on-the spot decisions**. *I'm late. I'll go home*
- for **future predictions based on what we believe or imagine will happen** (usually with verbs: *hope, think, believe, expect, imagine*; with the expressions: *I'm sure, I'm afraid*). *I hope deforestation will soon become the thing from the past. Perhaps scientists will find a solution to world's energy problems.*
- for **promises** (usually with the verbs promise, swear, etc.) *I swear I'll check the results tomorrow., threats Make fun of me and I will be furious., warnings We should protect nature or it will turn against us., hopes She hopes they will stop using mercury., offers We'll give you a lift home.*
- for actions/events/situations which **will definitely happen in the future and which we cannot control**. The sun **will set** soon.

Be going to (AM/IS/ARE GOING TO+ infinitive)

USE

- to talk about **future plans and intentions**. *James is going to buy a new hybrid car.* (It's his plan)
- to make **predictions based on what we see or know**. *Be careful! You're going to fall down.* (we see it happen)
- to talk about **things we are sure about or we've already decided to do** in the near future. *We are going to join a health club this year.* (We have already made a decision to do it)

Complete the sentences . Use WILL or BE GOING TO

1. Let's go to the restaurant. We (pay) _____ for you.
2. He doesn't know how to use that tool. He (hurt) _____ himself.
3. I'm sure you (get) _____ married one day.
4. Look at the sky. It (rain) _____.
5. A: Why are you cleaning the car? - B: Because I (sell) _____ it.
6. He has already decided. He (work) _____ in that hotel next month.
7. I know that Marianne is ill and I (pay) _____ her a visit tomorrow morning.
8. Don't be afraid honey. Everything (be) _____ all right.
9. Hi Kate, I (organise) _____ a party. Would you like to come?
10. We're going to the dance club tonight. (you join) _____ us?
11. Our bus is on fire! We (die) _____!
12. It's too difficult. I (not answer) _____ it.
13. Look at the battery icon. The conversation (end) _____ soon.
14. The sun (rise) _____ tomorrow.
15. Mike (be) 16 years old next Sunday.
16. Thomas (be) _____ a professional dancer when he grows up.
17. That car is driving too fast! Oh, no, it (not brake) _____ on time!
18. Yes, I've bought two pizzas. And I (eat) _____ them!

