

- **BE TO** (*am/is/are/was/were* + *to*-infinitive)
Used for formal plans, official arrangements, instructions and prohibitions:
The British Ambassador is to meet the President at the White House on Friday.
The factory is to close for three weeks for repairs.
She is to become the youngest Member of Parliament in our history.
You're to be there by eight o'clock.
You're not to cross the road without me.
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- **BE DUE TO / ABOUT TO / ON THE POINT OF**
be due + *to*-infinitive: used for arrangements that are to take place at a fixed time. Often used with timetables and official itineraries:
The plane's due to arrive in half an hour.
Clare's due to have her operation in three weeks' time.
be (just) about + *to*-infinitive: used to refer to something that will happen very soon, in the immediate future:
Don't start talking to them now: they're about to leave.
be (just) on the point of + gerund or noun: used to refer to something in the very immediate future:
It is understood that the Chancellor is on the point of announcing his resignation.
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They	plan intend are proposing hope have agreed have promised	to build a new shopping centre in town.
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Practice

22 Rewrite the sentences using *be (not) to*, *due to*, *about to*, *on the point of*, *plan/intend/propose/hope/agree/promise (not) to*.

You may use a verb or expression more than once.

1 I'm sorry I can't talk to you now. I'm going to work in a minute.

I'm sorry I can't talk to you now. I'm about to go to work.

2 The Council have decided what they would like to do one day.

They are going to close the old swimming pool.

The Council intend to close the old swimming pool.

3 They are making plans now. They are going to have a big wedding in the summer.

4 The train will depart at 8.25.

5 The Condor Freight Company have had discussions with staff representatives and they have reached an agreement on work clothes.

They are going to provide free work clothes to all employees.

6 You must not enter the building without signing your name in the register.

7 The Government have made a promise. They will not increase taxes during the next year.

8 The economy will collapse in the very near future; it will happen at any time now.

9 The Department of Social Security has made a proposal. It is probably going to cut unemployment benefit.

10 My grandfather is going to die soon.

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11 I hope I'll find a new job before the end of the year.

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12 Do you promise that you won't tell anyone about this?

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13 What are the two leaders' intentions? When are they going to meet?

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14 They are making plans. They are going to move abroad.

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15 You will arrive at the hotel at 7.30 in the evening.

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