

# Be going to

1 We form sentences with **be going to** like this:

be going + to + INFINITIVE  
It is going to snow.

## POSITIVE

I am  
He/She/It is  
We/You/They are } going to leave.

## NEGATIVE

I am  
He/She/It is  
We/You/They are } not going to leave.

## QUESTIONS

Am I  
Is he/she/it  
Are we/you/they } going to start?

2 Note that we usually use the short form of **be** (**I'm**, **he/she/it's**, **we/you/they're**):

*They're going to leave.*

*He's going to spend a week by the sea.*

3 The negative short form is **I'm not going to**:

*I'm not going to play tennis today.*

With **he**, **she**, **it**, there are two negative short forms:

*He/she/it isn't going to come.*

*He/she/it's not going to come.*

With **you**, **we** and **they**, there are also two negative short forms:

*You/we/they aren't going to come.*

*You/we/they're not going to come.*

4 We use **be going to** for the future. We use it:

► to talk about things we have decided to do in the future:

A: *What are you going to do tomorrow?*

B: *I'm going to visit Paul in Brighton.*

A: *Are you going to drive?*

B: *No, I'm going to take the train.*

► to predict the future, using information we know now:

*Look at that blue sky! It's going to be hot.*

*I've eaten too much. I'm going to be ill.*

*Look at the time. It's two o'clock. They*

*aren't going to come now.*

## Practice

A Paul has decided what he's going to do in his life. Complete the sentences, using short forms of **be going to** and the verbs in brackets ( ).

- I'm going to study ..... (study) music at university.
- 1 I ..... (travel) all over the world.
- 2 I ..... (not/work) in an office.
- 3 I ..... (marry) a very rich woman.
- 4 We ..... (have) eleven boys.
- 5 They ..... (become) a football team.
- 6 They ..... (win) the World Cup.
- 7 I ..... (play) the piano every night in a cafe.
- 8 My wife ..... (not/cook) or clean.
- 9 We ..... (eat) in restaurants every day.

B Write positive sentences with short forms of **be going to** and the words in brackets ( ).

- (I/see/a film tonight) I'm going to see a film tonight.
- 1 (She/buy/a new car tomorrow) .....
- 2 (They/work/hard this year) .....
- 3 (It/rain/this afternoon) .....

Write negative sentences with short forms of *be going to*.

► (They/not/catch/that train!) They're not going to catch that train!.....  
4 (Paul/not/drive/to Scotland.) .....  
5 (We/not/finish/it today.) .....  
6 (She/not/buy/a new house.) .....

Write questions with *be going to*.

► (you/have/a holiday this year?) Are you going to have a holiday this year?.....  
7 (they/win/the match?) .....  
8 (Mary/leave/her job?) .....  
9 (you/take/the exam in June?) .....

C Keiko is Japanese. She's going to spend a week by the sea in England. Ask her some questions. Use *be going to*, the verbs in brackets ( ), and the words in the box.

an umbrella	in a luxury hotel	to a disco	fish and chips
in the sea	a lot of English	golf every day	

► (speak) Are you going to speak a lot of English?.....  
1 (play) .....  
2 (take) .....  
3 (swim) .....  
4 (eat) .....  
5 (stay) .....  
6 (go) .....

D Match the words in the box with the pictures, and write a sentence using short forms of *be going to*.

It/rain  
They/eat/a pizza  
They/not/play/tennis  
He/not/win/the race  
She/have/a swim  
They/watch/a film  
He/make/a phone call  
He/play/the piano



► He's going to make a phone call. ....  
1 .....  
2 .....  
3 .....  
4 .....  
5 .....  
6 .....  
7 .....