



TO BE GOING TO

To Be Going To is used to refer to two future concepts.

INTENTIONS: when we have made a decision (before now) to do something (after now) we usually use this structure.

In this situation, we probably don't have a solid promise of when.

*I'm going to go on a diet!
Frank's going to fix my bike.*

PREDICTIONS: in a situation where we can literally see what is sure/certain to happen we also use this structure.

*Look at those clouds! It's going to rain!
It's too hot, the ice cream is going to melt before we get home.*



STRUCTURES

To Be Going To - Sub + am/are/is + going to + inf (-to)

You are going to cut yourself if you are not careful!

Is he going to study before the holidays?

I am not going to get there on time!

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Will - Sub + will + inf (-to) + rest

She will be very happy when she sees you!

Will you send me the details of the hotel, please?

They won't be able to come to the party.



EXERCISES

Choose To Be Going To + inf or Will + inf to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

John: Why are you holding a piece of paper?

Sally: I (write) _____ a letter to my friends back home in Texas.

Antoinette: I'm about to fall asleep. I need to wake up!

Mike: I (get) _____ you a cup of coffee. That will wake you up.

George: I can't hear the television!

Thelma: I (turn) _____ it up so you can hear it.

We are so excited about our trip next month to France. We (visit) _____ Paris, Nice and Grenoble.

Sarah (come) _____ to the party. Oliver (be) _____ there as well.

Ted: It is so hot in here!

Sarah: I (turn) _____ the air-conditioning on.

I think he (be) _____ the next President of the United States.

After I graduate, I (attend) _____ medical school and become a doctor. I have wanted to be a doctor all my life.

Mr. Clarke: Excuse me, I need to talk to someone about our hotel room. I am afraid it is simply too small for four people.

Receptionist: That man at the service counter (help) _____ you.

As soon as the weather clears up, we (walk) _____ down to the beach and go swimming.

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Mark: (you, do) _____ me a favour, Sam?

Sam: Sure, what do you want me to do?

Mark: I (change) _____ the broken light bulb in the lamp above the dining room table. I need someone to hold the ladder for me while I am up there.

Sam: No problem, I (hold) _____ it for you.

Gina: Where are you going? Ted: I (go) _____ to the store to pick up some groceries.

Gina: What (you, get) _____ ?

Ted: I (buy) _____ some milk, some bread, and some coffee.

John: Wow, it's freezing out there.

Jane: I (make) _____ some coffee to warm us up. Do you want a piece of pie as well?

John: Coffee sounds great! But I (have) _____ dinner with some friends later, so I'd better skip the pie.

Jane: I'm _____ to dinner tonight too, but I'm having a piece of pie anyway.

Frank: I heard you're taking a Spanish class at the community college.

Tom: Yeah, I (go) _____ to Guatemala next spring and I thought knowing a little Spanish would make the trip easier.

Frank: I (visit) _____ my brother in Marseilles next year.

Maybe I should take a French class.

Tom: I have a course catalogue in the other room. I (go) _____ get it, and we can see whether or not they're offering a French course next semester.

Mark: What are you doing with those scissors?

Beth: I (cut out) _____ that picture of the ocean in the travel magazine.

Mark: What (you, do) _____ with it?

Beth: I (paint) _____ a watercolour of the ocean for my art class, and I thought I could use this photograph as a model.