

A WEDDING



A

This is an American wedding. The bride and groom are leaving City Hall. The bride is wearing a long white gown and carrying a bouquet of flowers. The groom is wearing a tuxedo and a purple carnation. He's holding her hand. Their friends and relatives are throwing rice. The bride and groom are both smiling because they're very happy.

B

In a few minutes, they're going to get into a white Cadillac and drive to a hotel for the reception. They're going to have dinner, and the bride and groom are going to cut the cake. Some people are going to make speeches, and their parents are going to cry! Then everyone is going to dance.

C

Later on, the bride and groom are going to change their clothes. Then they're going to leave the reception and drive to the airport. They're going to fly to Acapulco in Mexico for their honeymoon. They aren't going to tell anyone the address of their hotel!

Immediate future or going to future

Going is mainly used to refer to our plans and intentions or to make predictions based on present evidence.

"going" for plans and intentions

Examples

- Is Freddy going to buy a new car soon?
- Are John and Pam going to visit Milan when they are in Italy?
- I think Nigel and Mary are going to have a party next week.
- We are going to have dinner together tomorrow.
- Aren't you going to stay at the library until your report is finished?

"going" for predictions

Examples

- He's going to be a brilliant politician.
- I'm going to have a hard time falling asleep.
- You're going to be sorry you said that.
- Is it going to rain this afternoon?
- Aren't they going to come to the party?

Affirmative and negative sentences

I	am – 'm not	going to	cook.
You	are – aren't		
He	is – isn't		
She	is – isn't		
It	is – isn't		
We	are – aren't		
They	are – aren't		

Questions

Am	I	going to	cook?
Are	you		
Is	he		
Is	she		
Is	it		
Are	we		
Are	they		

	I	am
	you	are
	he	is.
Yes,	she	is.
	it	is.
	we	are.
	they	are.

	I	am not.
	you	aren't
	he	Isn't
No,	she	isn't.
	it	isn't.
	we	aren't
	they	aren't.

Read the text and answer these questions:

PART A

1. What are the bride and groom doing?
2. What's the bride wearing?
3. What's she carrying?

4. What's the groom wearing?
5. What's he holding?
6. What are their friends doing?
7. Why are the bride and groom smiling?

PART B

1. Where are they going to drive to?
2. What are they going to have?
3. What are the bride and groom going to do?
4. What are some people going to do?
5. What are their parents going to do?
6. What's everyone going to do then?

PART C

1. When are the bride and groom going to change their clothes?
2. Where are they going to drive?
3. Where are they going to fly?
4. Who are they going to tell the address of their hotel?
