

## FUTURE: WILL & BE GOING TO

### WILL



### GOING TO

- Express future actions decided at the moment of speaking (immediate decision)

E.g: I'll have salad now.

- Express a prediction based on personal opinions or experiences

E.g: I think United **will** win the game.

- Express a future fact

E.g: The sun **will** rise tomorrow.



- Express future plans decided before the moment of speaking (prior plans)

E.g: I'm **going to** visit my aunt next Friday.

- Express a prediction based on present evidence

E.g: Look at those black clouds. It **is going to** rain.

- Express that something is about to happen

E.g: Get back! The bomb **is going to** explode.

Both **Will** and **Going to** can be used for making future predictions without having a real difference in meaning.

E.g: I think it **will** be foggy tomorrow. = I think it **is going to** be foggy tomorrow.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTIONS
I am <b>going to</b> play.	I am <b>not</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Am</b> I going to swim?
You are <b>going to</b> play.	You <b>aren't</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Are</b> you going to swim?
He is <b>going to</b> play.	He <b>isn't</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Is</b> he going to swim?
She is <b>going to</b> play.	She <b>isn't</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Is</b> she going to swim?
It is <b>going to</b> play.	It <b>isn't</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Is</b> it going to swim?
We are <b>going to</b> play.	We <b>aren't</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Are</b> we going to swim?
You are <b>going to</b> play.	You <b>aren't</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Are</b> you going to swim?
They are <b>going to</b> play.	They <b>aren't</b> going to watch TV.	<b>Are</b> they going to swim?

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTIONS
I <b>will</b> play.	I <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> I swim?
You <b>will</b> play.	You <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> you swim?
He <b>will</b> play.	He <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> he swim?
She <b>will</b> play.	She <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> she swim?
It <b>will</b> play.	It <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> it swim?
We <b>will</b> play.	We <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> we swim?
You <b>will</b> play.	You <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> you swim?
They <b>will</b> play.	They <b>won't</b> watch TV.	<b>Will</b> they swim?

# Will vs. Going To

## Prediction

**A- Fill in the gaps using the verbs in brackets. Sometimes both forms are acceptable.**

1. Do you think that it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) today?
2. Look out! The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (fall)!
3. I'm sure that I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) good grades this year.
4. Wow, look at Carol! She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a baby!
5. One day Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ (be) more important than English.
6. At this rate, they \_\_\_\_\_ (not pass) the year.
7. World peace \_\_\_\_\_ (not happen) anytime soon.
8. Gaming technology \_\_\_\_\_ (not stop) progressing.
9. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) easy to find a good job.
10. I promise I \_\_\_\_\_ (not tell) him about the surprise party.

**B - Considering all the uses of will and going to, choose the best form.**

1. "Why are you wearing those old clothes?"  
"Because I **will do / am going to do** the gardening."
2. "I think I have a temperature."  
"Wait a minute. I **will get / am going to get** the thermometer."
3. "What time is Ann's party?"  
"I don't know but I **will phone / am going to phone** her."
4. "Why are you buying so much food?"  
"Because I **will invite/ am going to invite** some friends for dinner."
5. "What **will you do / are you going to do** in the summer holidays?"  
"I **will spend / am going to spend** a few weeks at my cousin's beach house."
6. "Don't forget it's a secret!"  
"Don't worry, I **won't tell / am not going to tell** anyone."
7. "What do you want to eat?"  
"I'm not sure. Maybe I **will have / am going to have** a cheeseburger."
8. "Look how that lunatic is driving! He **will kill / is going to kill** someone!"  
"I **will get / am going to get** his number plate. Have you got a pen?"