

FUTURE TENSES

WILL / GOING TO / PRESENT SIMPLE

When we talk about holidays and travel, we often use *be going to* to talk about plans and the **Present Simple** to talk about future events in timetables. We use *will* for spontaneous decisions and predictions.

I am going to fly to Venice next week.

My flight **leaves** on Wednesday morning.

Maybe I'll **come** with you.

We'll **have** a lot of fun!

Choose the correct answer.

PLANS:

- 1 Dan isn't **going to ride** / **won't ride** his motorbike to the beach this afternoon. He's taking the bus.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- 2 The play **will begin** / **begins** at 8.00. Don't be late.
- 3 Our flight **will leave** / **leaves** at midnight.

PREDICTIONS:

- 4 **Is it going to snow** / **Will it snow** tonight?
- 5 I'm sure the trip **is going to be** / **will be** fun!

SPONTANEOUS DECISIONS:

- 6 Where are we? Wait! I **am going to look** / **will look** at the map.
- 7 Mmm – that chicken smells good! We **are going to have** / **will have** some, too!

Dear Andrew,

I've got great news! Next week, Katie and I ^{1.} **will travel / are going to travel** to South America. Our flight ^{2.} **leaves / will leave** on Monday. We ^{3.} **spend / are going to spend** six weeks there. In Peru, we ^{4.} **go / are going to go** on the Inca Trail and we ^{5.} **are going to hike / will hike** through the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu. The trip ^{6.} **probably costs / will probably cost** a lot of money and I know it ^{7.} **won't be / isn't going to be** easy, but we've planned everything carefully. We ^{8.} **will buy / are going to buy** strong backpacks and warm sleeping bags – the nights are very cold there, even in the summer. We ^{9.} **carry / are going to carry** a lot of water with us because we aren't sure the water there ^{10.} **will be / is going to be** clean enough to drink. I hope we ^{11.} **won't get / aren't going to get** altitude sickness – that can be a serious problem high up in the Andes Mountains!

Jenny

