21 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) .....

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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

▶ 

1 

2 

3 

4 

5 

6 

7 

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

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