

I'm going to ...

I'm going to watch TV this evening.



She is going to watch TV this evening.

■ We use **am/is/are going to ...** for the *future*:

I he/she/it we/you/they	am is (not) are	going to	do ... drink ... watch ...
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am is are	I he/she/it we/you/they	going to	buy ... ? eat ... ? wear ... ?
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I am going to do something = I have decided to do something, my intention is to do something:

I decided to do it —————→ **I'm going to do it** —————→
past present future

- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah is going to sell her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What are you going to wear to the party on Saturday?
- 'Your hair is dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to wash it.'
- Are you going to invite John to your party?

■ You can say that something **is going to happen** when it is clear *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! **It's going to rain.**
(black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready.
I'm going to be late.
(9 o'clock *now* and not ready → late)



■ We also use the *present continuous* (**I am -ing**) for the future, usually for arrangements
(► Unit 21):
– **I am playing** tennis with Jack tomorrow.

UNIT 22 Exercises

22.1 What are these people going to do?



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| 1 She's going to watch TV. | 4 |
| 2 He | 5 |
| 3 They | 6 |

22.2 Are you going to do these things tomorrow?

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| 1 (buy a car) | I'm not going to buy a car. (or ...I'm going to buy a car...) |
| 2 (get up before 6.30) | I |
| 3 (have breakfast) | I |
| 4 (watch TV in the morning) | |
| 5 (cook a meal) | |
| 6 (ride a bicycle) | |

22.3 Make questions. Use ... going to ...

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| 1 (what / you / wear / to the party?) | What are you going to wear to the party..... ? |
| 2 (when / you / visit me again?) | ? |
| 3 (what time / Tom / phone you tonight?) | ? |
| 4 (how long / your friends / stay here?) | ? |
| 5 (what time / you / get up tomorrow?) | ? |

22.4 Complete the sentences. Use ... going to + one of these verbs:

eat give lie rain study walk wash

- My hair is dirty. I'm going to wash..... it.
- I don't want to go home by bus. I
- John's university course begins in October. He engineering.
- Take an umbrella with you. It
- I'm hungry. I this sandwich.
- It's Val's birthday next week. We her a present.
- I feel tired. I down for an hour.