

GRAMMAR

8.5

be going to

I can use be going to to talk about personal plans for the future.

1 SPEAKING Look at the photos, read the conversation and answer the questions.

- 1 What plans has Hannah got for the summer holidays?
- 2 Who thinks it's a good idea?
- 3 Would you like to go on a holiday like this? Why?

Bob
33 days 16 hours 46 minutes left till the holidays! What **are** you **going** to do this summer? Any plans?
Yesterday at 22.14

Hannah
I'm **going to** work as a volunteer in the Scottish Highlands.
2 hours ago

Ben
??
2 hours ago

Hannah
I'm going to look after Highland ponies ... and the people who want to ride them but don't know how to ride!
1 hours ago

Ben
Are they **going to** pay you?
30 minutes ago

Hannah
No, they aren't. But I'm going to ride for free in the mountains!
25 minutes ago



Carol
Can I go too?

2 Complete the GRAMMAR FOCUS with the verbs in blue in Exercise 1.

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going to

You use **be** + **going to** + **infinitive** to talk about plans.

+	I 1'm going to work as a volunteer. He's going to work as a trainer.
-	They aren't going to pay me.
?	What 2 _____ you _____ to do this summer? 3 _____ they _____ to pay you? Yes, they are ./No, they aren't .

3 3.54 Listen and choose the person who is going to do the action: Lucy or Luke.

Lucy	Luke
1 stay with his/her cousin in Wales	
2 go walking in the mountains	
3 visit a castle	
4 study for a test	
5 play tennis	
6 see the new James Bond film	

4 Write sentences from the prompts. Use the correct forms of **be** (**not**) **going to**.

- 1 Lucy / stay with her cousin in Wales
- 2 Luke / go walking in the mountains
- 3 Luke / study for a Geography test
- 4 Lucy / play tennis
- 5 Luke / visit a Welsh castle
- 6 Lucy and Luke / see the new James Bond film

5 Write questions from the prompts and **be going to**. Then match them with answers a–e.

- 1 What / you / do this evening?
What are you **going to** do this evening?
- 2 you / do anything interesting / this weekend?
- 3 What / you / do / this summer?
- 4 you / go to university / after you finish school?
- 5 Where / you / live / when you're at university?

- a Yes, I am. I'm going to study Biology at Leeds University.
- b I'm going to travel around Europe with a friend.
- c I don't know! Probably with my parents!
- d Not really. I'm going to study.
- e I think I'm going to go to bed early. I'm really tired.

6 SPEAKING Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 5.

7 Complete the statements with **be going to** so they are true for you.

- 1 This weekend, I'm going to visit ...
- 2 My friend ...
- 3 This year, my parents ...
- 4 In the next school holidays, my family ...
- 5 When we leave school, my friends and I ...

FOCUS VLOG 36 Your plans

36 Watch the Focus Vlog. For the worksheet, go to page 123.

LIVEWORKSHEETS