

Future tense (4)

- A: What **are** you **going to wear** at the party next week?
 B: I'm **going to wear** a Batman costume and sing. I'll **win** the singing competition!
 A: I'm **going to wear** a princess costume but I **won't win** the competition because I can't sing well.

**be + going to**

We usually use **be + going to** to talk about planned actions.



I am going to practise the piano every day.

will

We can use **will** to talk about expected results.



I will win the piano competition.

We can use either **be + going to** or **will** in everyday speech. The meanings are very similar.

Practice

Fill in the blanks with 'be + going to', 'will' or 'won't'.

- This year we _____ eat fewer desserts. We _____ be slim!
- Dan _____ do more Chinese exercises from now on. He hopes that he _____ fail his Chinese exam ever again.
- I _____ tidy my room every day. My room _____ be clean and tidy all the time.
- Grandpa _____ see a doctor. He _____ be better.
- I _____ be bored. My parents _____ take me to the museum this weekend.
- Mrs Grey _____ buy a car. She _____ be late for work anymore.

Date: _____

Connective (1) **so**

reason

result

I want to improve my English **so** I'm going to read more English books.

We use **so** to link results and reasons.

**Practice**

Rewrite the sentences using 'so' and the correct form of the verbs given. Follow the example.

- 1 My Maths is poor. I (do) more sums.
My Maths is poor **so** I am going to do more sums.

- 2 Ivy and Tim like birds. They (keep) a parrot.

- 3 Jerry is overweight. He (eat) less junk food.

**Grammar in Context**

Maggie is talking to her brother Thomas. Finish what they say with 'so' or 'because' and the correct form of the verbs given.

Maggie : Look at that athlete on TV! She's so slim! I want to be like her.

Thomas: She's slim ① _____ she trains every day. You can't be like her
② _____ you seldom exercise!

Maggie : Well, I want to lose weight ③ _____ I ④ _____
_____ (exercise) more.

Thomas: Why do you want to lose weight all of a sudden?

Maggie : There's a fashion parade next month at school. All my friends
⑤ _____ (put) on nice costumes ⑥ _____
I want to look good too! I'm going to wear my princess costume.

Thomas: Don't worry, Maggie. I can lend you my big wolf costume ⑦ _____
you don't need to exercise!