

GRAMMAR

Future: *be going to* and present continuous

1 Read the examples. Then complete the rules with the present continuous or *be going to*.

- 1 We're **going to look around** the shops.
- 2 We're **leaving** on Saturday.
- 3 Be prepared! You're **going to see** a lot of people wearing 'cosplay' clothing.

We use:

- a _____ to talk about future plans and arrangements, usually with a specific time reference (for example, *next week, in August*).
- b _____ for things we intend to do some time in the future, sometimes with a non-specific time reference (for example, *one day, some time*).
- c _____ when we predict things that we know are likely.

2 Complete the conversation with the correct form of *be going to* and the verbs in brackets.

Olivia: We ¹ _____ (fly) to Tokyo on holiday!

Zayne: I was in Japan a few years ago. Tokyo's amazing. You ² _____ (have) a great time! What ³ _____ (you / do)?

Olivia: We ⁴ _____ (visit) a cat café.

Mum: And we ⁵ _____ (go) shopping!

Olivia: What? I ⁶ _____ (not walk) around the shops! I ⁷ _____ (find) a gaming café.

Zayne: ⁸ _____ (you / try) sushi with fish?

Mum: No! I ⁹ _____ (not eat) uncooked fish!

3 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 Next month, I *going to* / *'m going to* buy a car.
- 2 We *'re going to* / *going to* visit Argentina.
- 3 They aren't *going to* *meet* / *met* at the bus stop.
- 4 You're *going to* *come* / *coming* to the UK one day.
- 5 They *aren't going* / *not going to* join us.

4 Make sentences with the present continuous or *be going to*.

1 I / get / the bus at 6.45 p.m.

2 I / cycle / to your house next time

3 they / not buy / a new TV

4 we / walk / home after school today

5 The sky is dark and cloudy. I think / it / rain

6 we / not catch / the 5.30 train / tomorrow