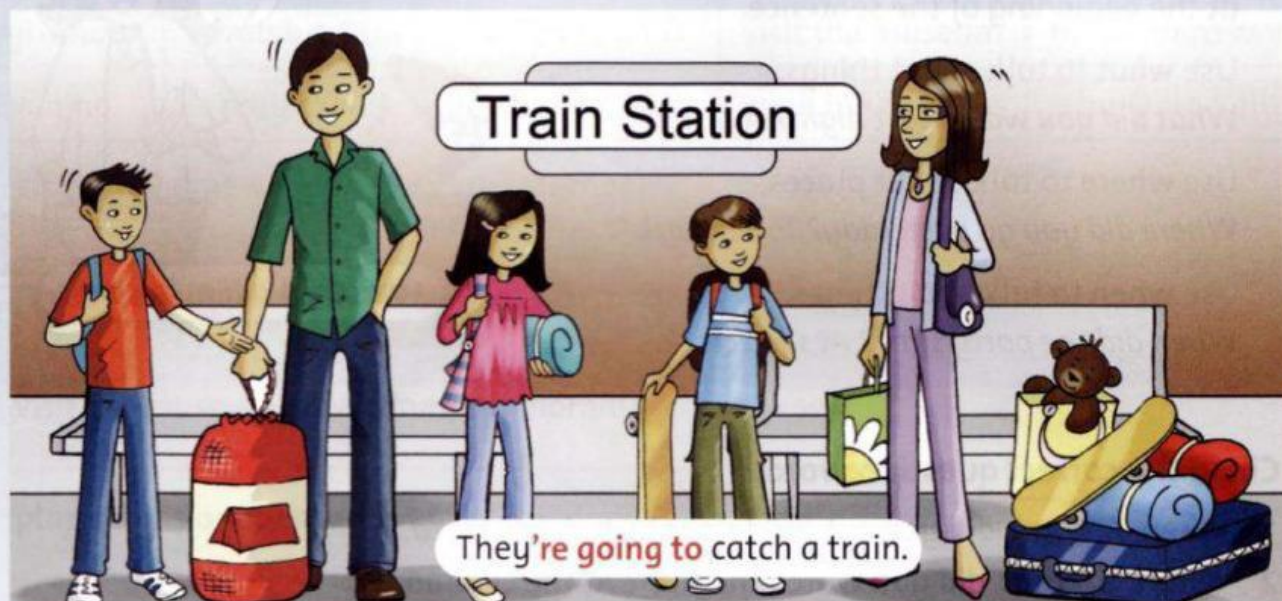


Be going to: affirmative



Affirmative

I am going to
you are going to
he is going to
she is going to
it is going to
we are going to
they are going to

Short forms

I'm going to
you're going to
he's going to
she's going to
it's going to
we're going to
they're going to

We use **be going to** to talk about plans and intentions.

He's going to be a doctor.

We can never leave out the **be** form.

We don't normally use the short form 're after names:

Paul and Steve are going to visit Bob.

Mum and I are going to watch TV.

1 Match sentences 1–8 with sentences a–h.

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|---|---|
| 1 It's dark. <u>d</u> | a We're going to buy her a present. |
| 2 I'm tired. _____ | b They're going to live in the countryside. |
| 3 She can't find her purse. _____ | c We're going to start it now. |
| 4 We've got a lot of homework. _____ | d I'm going to put on the light. |
| 5 It's Mum's birthday. _____ | e I'm going to sleep. |
| 6 We're all hungry. _____ | f Mum's going to cook a big meal for us. |
| 7 I haven't got nice clothes to wear. _____ | g I'm going to help her look for it. |
| 8 My parents don't like noisy cities. _____ | h I'm going to buy some new clothes. |

2 Look at Polly and Jack's diary for next week. Complete the sentences, using be going to.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Polly	windsurf	cook dinner	visit friends	buy a cake	read a book
Jack	skateboard	swim	wash the car	play football	make a cake

- On Tuesday, Polly's going to cook dinner.
- On Wednesday, Jack.
- On Monday, Jack.
- On Friday, Polly.
- On Thursday, Jack.
- On Thursday, Polly.

3 Write sentences about the plans on a camping holiday. Use be going to.

- we / make a fire
We're going to make a fire.
- Dad / look for wood
- Dad and Charlie / put up the tent
- Mum and Molly / make the beds
- Mum / cook dinner
- Harry / play with his toys
- it / be hot
- we / have fun
- I / sleep in a tent
- Charlie / read lots of books

Be going to: questions and short answers



Questions

Am I going to?

Are you going to?

Is he going to?

Is she going to?

Is it going to?

Are we going to?

Are you going to?

Are they going to?

Short answers

Yes, I am.

Yes, you are.

Yes, he is.

Yes, she is.

Yes, it is.

Yes, we are.

Yes, you are.

Yes, they are.

No, I'm not.

No, you aren't.

No, he isn't.

No, she isn't.

No, it isn't.

No, we aren't.

No, you aren't.

No, they aren't.

In short answers we don't repeat **going to**.

Are you going to come? Yes, I am.



Future time expressions

We sometimes use time expressions to talk about when we expect to do something. These include the words **next**, **this** and **tomorrow**.

Next can be combined with several nouns.

next week, next month, next year, next March, next Friday, next weekend

Tomorrow can be used on its own or with other nouns.

tomorrow morning, tomorrow afternoon, tomorrow evening, tomorrow night

Later and **soon** can be used without other words.

4 Write questions using **be going to**. Then write true short answers.

- 1 Jason / go to the cinema / ✓

Is Jason going to the cinema? Yes, he is.

- 2 Julia and Mum / play tennis / ✓

- 3 Karl and Beth / go shopping / ✗

- 4 we / go swimming / ✓

- 5 Olly / go shopping / ✗

- 5 Look at the table below about the Clark family's plans for the weekend. Write sentences, using **be going to** in the affirmative and negative forms.

	Kelly	Helen	Mum	Dad	Robert	Gary
watch a DVD		✓	✓	✓		
buy new shoes			✓		✓	
visit the museum				✓		
play computer games					✓	✓
stay with a friend	✓	✓				✓

- 1 Kelly / play computer games

Is Kelly going to play computer games? No, she isn't.

- 2 Helen / stay with a friend

- 3 Mum and Dad / watch a DVD

- 4 Gary / visit the museum

- 5 Robert / buy new shoes

- 6 Helen and Dad / play computer games

- 6 Look at the list of times and dates under 'Now'. Use phrases from the box to describe the times and dates under 'In the future'.

next year later next weekend ~~tomorrow~~ next month tomorrow afternoon

Now

In the future

- 1 14th January

15th January

tomorrow

- 2 March 2008

April 2008

- 3 11th November, morning

11th November, afternoon

- 4 May 2008

May 2009

- 5 19th February, morning

20th February, afternoon

- 6 Wednesday, 5th May

Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th May