

10 New Year's resolutions

be going to + infinitive

Enter



- 1 Work in pairs. What are you going to do
a) tomorrow? b) at the weekend? c) for your next birthday?
- 2 We asked the Price family from Cardiff about New Year resolutions. Complete the sentences below with the words in the box.



Mum - Lily



Dad - Dave



Jake, 17



Nick, 13



Emily, 12

eat
going
gym
I'm
more
read
Spanish
stop
to
watch

a) I'm going to ... smoking.
I'm going to go to the ...
three times a week.

b) I'm going to do my
homework ... carefully. I'm
going to ... a book
a week.

c) I'm ... to spend more
time on my Playstation.
I'm going to ... more junk
food.

d) ... going to spend less
time in the kitchen. I'm
going to learn ...

e) I'm going to ... less
telly. I'm going ... learn
to drive.

- 3 Who said what? Write the correct names next to each letter.

a) b) c) d) e)

Work in pairs and take turns. Your partner closes their book. For example:

You: He's going to spend more time on his Playstation.

Your partner: Dad.

You: Right / Wrong.

Step up ★★

- 1** Write down three New Year's resolutions. Don't show your partner. Make two guesses to find out each of your partner's resolutions, like this:

- Are you going to get fitter?
- No.
- Are you going to work harder at English?
- No! I'm going to be nicer to my sister.

Now write sentences about your partner, like this:

She's going to be nicer to her sister.

- 2** What's going to happen next? Talk in groups. Predict what the characters are going to do. Write down your ideas. Tell another group. Compare your predictions.

Mark is going out with Meg. They're very happy.



But he's also going out with Charleen. Meg doesn't know about Charleen. Charleen knows about Meg.



Mark doesn't want to go out with Charleen. But he owes Charleen's mum a lot of money.



Mark hasn't got a job. He can't break up with Charleen because he hasn't got any money for her mum.



Meg sees Mark with Charleen.



Charleen's Mum sees Mark with Meg.



Fly ★★★

- 1 Each member of the Price family made two resolutions in Enter 2. Read what they said and answer these questions.

- a) What was Emily going to do more carefully?
- b) Where was Lily going to spend less time?
- c) What was Nick going to eat more of?
- d) What was Dave going to give up?
- e) What was Jake going to learn to do?

Now ask about their second resolutions in the same way.

- 2 We talked to the Price family six months later. What do you think they said? Complete the sentences like this:

- a) *I was going to read a book a week* but I've actually read two a week.
- b) I but I haven't. I *have* cut down though!
- c) I but I'm learning French instead.
- d) I but Mum gives me fruit and vegetables all the time.
- e) I but I haven't got my licence yet.
- f) I and I have. I'm getting much better marks at school now.

- 3 Work in pairs. Read about Meg in Step up 2 and then read this dialogue between Meg and her mother. Make similar dialogues with *be going to* and the prompts for the Price family.



- a) Jake: I / watch two films on TV
Lily: you / not / watch TV because you promised to clean my car
- b) Lily: you / not / spend all day on the Playstation
Nick: I / spend all day / on the Playstation because there's nothing else to do
- c) Nick: I / not / eat this cabbage
Dave: you / eat that cabbage because I say so
- d) Dave: Jake / not / borrow my car
Lily: Jake / borrow your car because mine is at the garage
- e) Emily: I / not / do any more revision today
Lily: you / do more revision because you've got an exam tomorrow

Now make up your own dialogues and then act them out for the class.