

GRAMMAR

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1 Match the examples to the rules.

- 1 Medicine **will allow** people to live to the age of 1,000.
- 2 Their research suggests that people **aren't going to die** from common diseases.
- 3 De Grey **is going to continue** to do exactly that.
- 4 I think **I'll find out** more about these drugs.

We use *will* ...

- a to predict the future generally.
- b when we decide to do something while we are speaking.

We use *be going to* ...

- c to talk about something we have already decided to do.
- d to predict the future based on something we can see or know now.

UNIT 11

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- We form the future with *will/won't* + verb.
We'll (will) write
She won't go
Will they want ... ?
- We use *will*:
 - for general predictions about the future.
People will be healthier.
Medicines won't cure everything.
Will everyone live longer?
 - when we decide to do something while we are speaking.
I'll have a cake with my coffee.
I won't wait any longer.

be going to

» FOR THE FORM OF *BE GOING TO* SEE GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE, UNIT 8, PAGE 145

- We use *be going to*:
 - to talk about something we have already decided to do.
Our teacher is going to give us the test results soon.
I'm not going to spend a lot of money today.
What are we going to eat tonight?
 - to predict the future based on something we can see or know.
Business is good – we're going to be rich!
Look at the crowd round the table – the food's going to run out.

1 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 Scientists are working on new crops that *will help / are going to help* to feed us all.
- 2 I can't meet you tomorrow. *I'll help / I'm going to help* my brother paint his bedroom.
- 3 This new bike *will save / is going to save* me lots of money on bus fares.
- 4 I've got a headache now but I think *I'll feel / I'm going to feel* OK when I get outdoors.
- 5 Please hurry up, the bus *will leave / is going to leave* any minute.
- 6 I must get another pen. This one *will run / is going to run* out of ink in a minute.
- 7 Some people say that air fares *will be / are going to be* much more expensive in the future.
- 8 We don't have much food at home. I think *I'll go / I'm going to go* to the shops this afternoon.

2 Complete the conversation. Use the *will* or *be going to* form of the verbs.

Jane: Hi, Angie. What are you doing?

Angie: I'm trying to pack, but I'm not getting on very well. I've got so much stuff, my case ¹ _____ (be) too heavy.

Jane: Don't worry, I ² _____ (help) you. I'm good at packing. What ³ _____ (do) on your holiday?

Angie: Oh, I ⁴ _____ (have) a good rest after my exams. I ⁵ _____ (lie) on the beach under an umbrella and listen to the waves.

Jane: OK. So you need a swimming costume. What else?

Angie: Well my dad wants to visit some ancient city, so probably I ⁶ _____ (walk) around there with him one day.

Jane: Right, shorts and a T-shirt and a pair of trainers. But what are all these heavy bottles?

Angie: Shampoo, shower gel, face cream ...

Jane: I don't think you ⁷ _____ (use) that much in one week! I've got some small travel bottles. I ⁸ _____ (lend) them to you. They ⁹ _____ (not weigh) as much. Now, what about sun cream?

Angie: I've got that in my hand luggage, see?

Jane: But that tube's 120 ml. It's too big – the security people at the airport ¹⁰ _____ (take) it away from you. I ¹¹ _____ (put) it in your suitcase.

Angie: Thanks. I hope we can have a holiday in this country next year. Then I ¹² _____ (not care) about the weight of my bag!

3 Write sentences using *will* or *be going to*.

- 1 Lucy and Linda are running a race. Lucy is running very fast, Linda is tired.
_____ (win)
- 2 Jonah is on a boat. The sea is very rough. Jonah feels ill.
_____ (be sick)
- 3 Joe has got a difficult science project. His sister is good at science.
_____ (help)
- 4 Alicia and Paula are in a beauty salon preparing for a birthday party.
_____ (look / great)
- 5 Inez is cooking some burgers on a barbecue and talking to her friends at the same time.
_____ (burn)
- 6 Tomasz likes studying.
_____ (go / university)

2 Choose the correct verb form.



- 1 I'm glad you *'ll visit* / *'re going to visit* in June.
- 2 Let's have a snack. I *'m going to get* / *'ll get* us some popcorn.
- 3 No, I don't want to come out, thanks. I *'ll have* / *'m going to have* an early night.
- 4 There isn't a cloud in the sky. It *won't rain* / *isn't going to rain*!
- 5 I *'ll go* / *'m going to go* and visit my cousins in the summer. We've already bought the tickets.
- 6 In my opinion, scientists *are going to find* / *will find* a cure for all cancers soon.
- 7 You should watch this film. I think you *'ll like* / *'re going to like* it.
- 8 Speak clearly or the children *won't understand* / *aren't going to understand* you.

3 Complete the sentences. Use the *will* or *be going to* future form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Hey, I _____ (help) you pick up these books.
- 2 Do you think we _____ (find) life on other planets?
- 3 I've decided about the party. I _____ (not come). I have to study this evening.
- 4 Oh, no, look at those cyclists. They _____ (crash)!
- 5 Don't worry about me. I _____ (see) the doctor tomorrow.
- 6 It's late, I think I _____ (go) home now.

4 Read the questions and prepare your answers.
Then ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Is it going to rain later?
- 2 What are you going to do at the weekend?
- 3 Do you think you'll go to university?
- 4 What kind of job do you think you'll do?
- 5 Where will you live when you're older?

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1 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 We're / later / to / dinner / going / have / together

- 2 going / to / Josie's / her / in / grandma / hospital / visit / after school

- 3 will / teacher / give / our / a tennis lesson / us / today / I hope

- 4 she'll / Mum / up / pick us / football practice / after / says

- 5 operation / leg / to / an / is / have / her / on / Stephanie / going

- 6 in here / hot / the window / a bit / I'll / open / It's / so

- 7 party / I'll / some / I think / to / your / pizza / bring

- 8 a / competition / are / to / All the boys / enter / going

2 Complete the conversation with the correct form of *will* or *be going to*.

Mrs Jones: Edite, we ¹ _____ take you to hospital. Then a doctor can look at your knee.

Edite: Who ² _____ take me, Mrs Jones?

Mrs Jones: I can, but would you like a friend to come too?

Edite: Yes, please. My brother, Rufus. I'm sure he ³ _____ want to come.

Mrs Jones: OK, I ⁴ _____ go and fetch him from class. Oh, look, there's Maisie!

Maisie: Hi, Mrs Jones. Edite, are you OK?

Edite: I fell over and Mrs Jones ⁵ _____ take me to hospital. Maisie, can you get Rufus, please?

Maisie: Sure, I ⁶ _____ text him now. And I ⁷ _____ pick up all your things.

Edite: Thanks, Maisie. I ⁸ _____ miss our English lesson – can you take notes, please?

Maisie: Sure!

Mrs Jones: Don't worry, Edite, you ⁹ _____ be fine.

3 Complete the short conversations with the correct form of *will* or *be going to*.

A: When ¹ _____ (you/do) your homework?

B: I ² _____ (do) it after dinner.

A: Your phone's ringing. Would you like me to get it for you?

B: No, it's OK. I ³ _____ (not/answer) it now. I ⁴ _____ (check) it later.

A: Bobbie ⁵ _____ (have) a birthday party. ⁶ _____ (you/go)?

B: I don't know. I think I ⁷ _____ (stay) at home and watch TV.

A: ⁸ _____ (help) me with my homework, Mum?

B: I can't, but your dad ⁹ _____ (explain) it to you. He loved maths when he was a child!

4 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use *will* or *be going to*.

ask	be	drive	get
go	look	stay	take

Sasha is at home with a fever. Her mum is talking to her.

'OK, I ¹ _____ you to the doctor's this morning.'

'Oh, really, Mum. I'm sure it ² _____ away soon.'

'No, I've decided. The doctor ³ _____ at you and make sure it's nothing serious.'

I ⁴ _____ some medicine for your cough, Sasha.'

'Urgh! I hate that medicine! It tastes disgusting!'

'I know, but I want you to get better.'

'OK, Mum. But I ⁵ _____ in bed. I feel ill.'

'I know, but the doctor can't give you medicine without seeing you. I ⁶ _____ my car keys

and we ⁷ _____ in now. I don't think

it ⁸ _____ very busy now.'

5 Correct the mistakes. Not all sentences have mistakes.



- 1 I will be send you a message tonight.
- 2 I know we're going to have an awesome time!
- 3 We will looking at the map tomorrow and decide where to go.
- 4 I enjoy spending time with her because they're moments that will not happened again.
- 5 My friends and I talk a lot about what we'll do in the future.