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10B CouchSurf round the world!

1 LISTENING

a Read the dictionary definition for *couch*, and look at the CouchSurfing website. What do you think CouchSurfing is?

couch /kaʊtʃ/ *noun* **1** a long comfortable seat for two or more people to sit on (= a sofa) **2** the bed in a doctor's room for a patient to lie on

Basic information: Male, 22. DJ. Has couch.
Languages: French, English
Description: I love travelling.

Host: **Artur Dorner**
Location: Vienna, Austria
Basic information: Male, 27. PhD student. Has couch.
Languages: German, English
Description: I love meeting people and showing them my wonderful city. Better to come at weekends when I have more time!

Host: **Judit Hetzke**

b 5 8 Listen to part of a radio travel programme. Were you right? How does CouchSurfing work?

c 5 9 Now listen to the speaker give more details about CouchSurfing. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1 ☐ CouchSurfers usually pay their host a little money.
2 ☐ You need to create a profile on the website.
3 ☐ When you find a person with a bed, you call them to agree the days you want to stay.
4 ☐ You have to offer other people a bed in your house or flat.
5 ☐ CouchSurfing is safe because you can read what other travellers say about the host.
6 ☐ The host always shows their guests their city.
7 ☐ You can CouchSurf all over the world.

d Would you like to go CouchSurfing? Why (not)? Would you like to have a stranger to stay in *your* house? Why (not)?

2 GRAMMAR *be going to* (plans)

a 5 10 A British newspaper asked their travel journalist to try CouchSurfing. Cover the dialogue and listen to the interview. What are his plans?

b Listen again and complete the gaps with a verb.

Presenter Tell me about your plans, Philip.
Journalist I'm going to 1_____ round Europe – to Paris, Vienna, and Budapest.
P How long are you going to 2_____ in each city?
J Just one night in each place.
P Who are you going to 3_____ with?
J In Paris I'm going to stay with a guy called Théo, in Vienna with a guy called Artur, and in Budapest with a woman called Judit.
P Are you going to 4_____ on a couch?
J Only in Vienna, luckily. In the other places I have a bed.
P How are you going to 5_____?
J I'm going to 6_____ by train.
P What are you going to 7_____ in each place?
J I don't just want to see the typical tourist sights. I hope I'm going to 8_____ things that aren't in a guide book.
P Well, have a good trip and good luck!

c Look at the highlighted sentences in the dialogue. Then answer the questions.

1 What form is the verb after *going to*?
2 Do we use *going to* to talk about the past, the present, or the future?

d ➤ p.142 Grammar Bank 10B. Learn more about *be going to* (plans) and practise it.

e Number the future time expressions 1–8.

☐ tonight
☐ next year
☐ tomorrow morning
☐ next month
☐ tomorrow night
[1] today
☐ next week
☐ tomorrow afternoon

f 5 12 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat. Make four true sentences about your plans.

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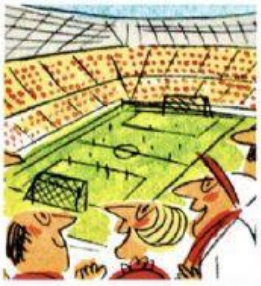
10C *be going to* (predictions)

- We can use *be going to* + verb (infinitive) to make predictions (= to say what you think or can see is going to happen in the future).

I think it**'s going to** rain. 5 19))
You**'re going to be** very happy.
I'm sure they**'re going to win**.



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1 GRAMMAR *be going to* (plans), future time expressions

a Order the words to make sentences.

1 are / there / you / get / to / How / going
How are you going to get there?

2 to / isn't / He / a / going / stay / in / hotel
_____.

3 show / to / They're / city / going / the / me
_____.

4 good / going / time / have / We're / to / a
_____.

5 is / home / to / she / going / When / go
_____?

6 not / sights / going / I'm / see / the / to
_____.

b Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of *going to*.

1 *Are they going to leave* by train? (they / leave)
2 We _____ our friends the city. (show)
3 They _____ nice meals in expensive restaurants. (have)
4 _____ with a friend? (you / stay)
5 They _____ the museum. (not visit)
6 _____ the sights? (they / see)
7 He _____ a lot of people. (meet)
8 She _____ on holiday this year. (not go)

c Complete the dialogue. Use the correct form of *going to*.

A So, where [1] *are you going to go* (go) on holiday?
B I [2] _____ (travel) round Europe for a few weeks.
A Really? Where [3] _____ (stay)?
B Well, this year I [4] _____ (not/sleep) in hotels. Instead, I'm going to CouchSurf.
A CouchSurf? What a great idea! [5] _____ (travel) alone?
B Yes, I am. My girlfriend [6] _____ (drive) to Marbella with some friends. They [7] _____ (spend) all day on the beach and they [8] _____ (dance) all night. I don't like that kind of holiday. I [9] _____ (meet) lots of new people and see lots of new places.
A Which countries [10] _____? (visit)
B Italy first, and then Croatia, Greece, and Turkey. My CouchSurfing hosts [11] _____ (show) me the sights. I [12] _____ (have) a great time!

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