

Future predictions and plans with *be going to*

It's	going to	rain	tomorrow.	<i>It's = It is</i> <i>I'm = I am</i> <i>They're = They are</i>
I'm		call	my friend.	
They're		play	basketball.	

Question						Answer
	Is	it	going to	rain	tomorrow?	Yes, it is. No, it isn't.
What	are	they		do		They're going to play basketball.

Use *be going to* to talk about the future.

1 Read. Complete the sentences.

1. We just saw lightning. Next there 's going to be thunder.
2. A sandstorm is coming. My parents _____ get the house ready.
3. It's snowing. He _____ wear a warm coat.
4. It's hot today. I _____ go swimming.

2 Read and write. Answer the questions. Use *going to* and phrases from the box.

bring an umbrella close all the windows evacuate make a snowman

1. What are you going to do in the snow?

I'm going to make a snowman.

2. What are you going to do if it's rainy?

3. How is your family going to get ready for the sandstorm?

4. What are your cousins going to do if there's a flood?

Zero conditional (present tense)

If	it	snows,		school	starts	late.
	it	is	raining,	I	use	an umbrella.
	I	go to bed	late,	I	am	tired the next day.

These two sentences mean the same thing. In sentence 1, notice the comma.

If it snows, school starts late.

School starts late if it snows.

Read and write. Complete the sentences.

1. If it's hurricane season, it rains a lot.
2. If it snows, _____
3. If the electricity goes out, _____
4. If a blizzard comes, _____
5. If there's no rain for weeks, _____
6. If there's a flood in my town, _____

Read and write. Complete the sentences with a phrase beginning with *if*.

1. If there's a blizzard _____, people can't drive.
2. _____, we need a flashlight.
3. _____, I make an emergency plan.
4. _____, I call my parents.
5. _____, people evacuate.
6. _____, we go to a storm shelter.