be going to: future predictions

We use subject + *be* + *going to* + base form to make predictions when we have concrete evidence – for example, something we know or can see helps us make that prediction.

The other team is winning 8–0. ***We're going to lose*** *the game.*

Remember!

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

We're going to visit *my cousins this weekend. (We've decided to visit my cousins.)*

Affirmative			
I'm / You're / He's / She's / It's / We're / You're / They're	going to	be	late.

Negative		
I'm not / You aren't / He isn't / She isn't / It isn't / We aren't / You aren't / They aren't	going to	win.

Questions			
Am I / Are you / Is he / Is she / Is it / Are we / Are you / Are they	going to	miss	the bus?

Short answers	
Yes,	I am / you are / he is / she is / it is / we are / you are / they are.
No,	I'm not / you aren't / he isn't / she isn't / it isn't / we aren't / you aren't / they aren't.

4 **Match 1–5 with a–e and complete the sentences with the correct form of *be going to*.**

1 There's a heat wave in Miami right now. __a__
2 Henry has eaten seven chocolate cookies. ____
3 It's 5 a.m. and I haven't slept at all. ____
4 It's sunny and the sky is blue. ____
5 Stop fighting with your brother! ____

a We aren't going to need (not need) our coats.
b You _____ (hurt) him!
c I _____ (be) exhausted tomorrow.
d He _____ (feel) sick.
e It _____ (not rain) today.

5 **Write questions with *be going to*. Then write short answers.**

1 I / fall / ?
Am I going to fall?
No, you aren't. Don't worry!

2 they / run out / of / pizza / ?
_____
_____, they _____. There's only one piece left.

3 we / miss / the plane / ?
_____
_____, we _____. This traffic isn't moving at all.

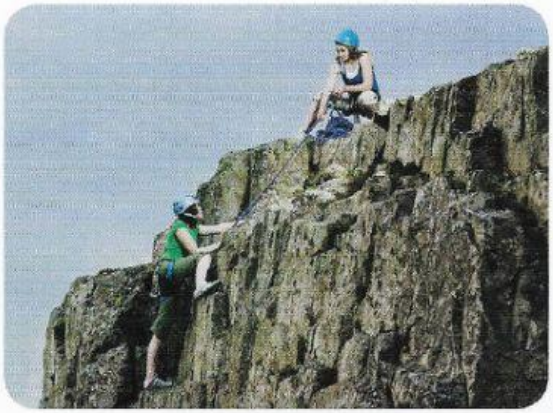
4 Jones / win / ?
_____
_____, he _____. He's behind all the other runners.

5 it / snow / ?
_____
_____, it _____. This trip is a disaster!

6 **Complete the sentences with the correct form of *will* or *be going to* and the verbs.**

not arrive be not enjoy love shoot ~~steal~~

1 Leave your laptop here. I don't think anyone will steal it.
2 The train left 30 minutes late, so it _____ on time.
3 Kim's only 6, but she loves performing on stage. I think she _____ a famous actor when she's older.
4 The book was OK, but I probably _____ the movie.
5 Look! Gómez has the ball. He _____!
6 Be positive! Everyone _____ your music!



I can use *be going to* to make future predictions based on present evidence.

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