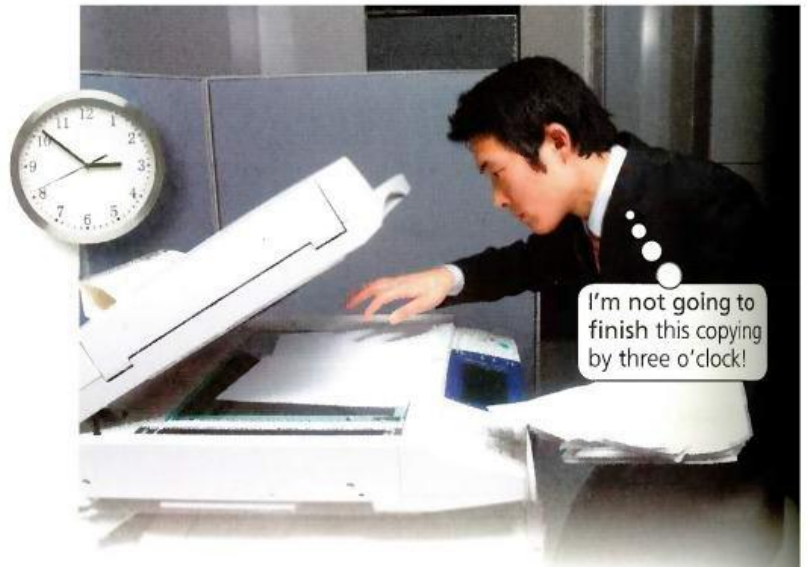


# 57 Future with going to



## 1 Form

POSITIVE			NEGATIVE		
I	am ('m)		I	am not ('m not)	
He/She/It	is ('s)	going to win.	He/She/It	is not (isn't)	going to win.
We/You/They	are ('re)		We/You/They	are not (aren't)	

QUESTIONS		SHORT ANSWERS	
Am	I	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is	he/she/it going to win?	Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't.
Are	we/you/they	Yes, we/you/they are.	No, we/you/they aren't.

## 2 Future plans

We use *going to* to talk about our future plans:

*I'm going to apply for a new job.*

*Carol isn't going to be at the meeting.*

*Are you going to come to the party?*

We often use time expressions (e.g. *tomorrow, next week, on Monday*) with *going to*:

*I'm going to see Manchester United on Saturday.*

*They're not going to have a summer holiday this year.*

*What are you going to do this evening?*

**NATURAL ENGLISH** It is possible to use *going to* + *go/come*:

*I'm going to go shopping this afternoon.*

But the present continuous (► Unit 59) is more common:

*I'm going shopping this afternoon.*

*I'm coming to London on Tuesday.*

## 3 Things we expect to happen

We also use *going to* to talk about things we expect to happen in the future because of something we know or can see NOW:

*I'm not going to finish this copying by three o'clock!* (because it's 2.51 and there's a lot to do)

*I'm going to be late for work.* (because I'm in a traffic jam now)

*It's going to rain.* (because the sky is dark and full of clouds now)

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In informal conversation and in songs we often pronounce *going to* as 'gonna' /gənə/.

## Practice

1 Complete the sentences with a form of *going to* and a verb from the box. Use short forms.

be break down eat hit



0 'When I grow up,  
I'm going to be  
a singer.'



1 'Watch out! We  
.....  
that tree!'



2 'I .....  
here – it's too  
expensive.'



3 'Everyone uses this  
photocopier – it  
.....'

2 Write the words in the correct order.

0 going to are see that new film you ? Are you going to see that new film?

1 not at anything the shops going to buy today I'm  
.....

2 visit us your sister is going to next weekend ?  
.....

3 the exam take the children going to aren't this year  
.....

4 they our party are going to to some friends bring ?  
.....

5 tonight isn't rain it going to  
.....

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read Debbie's email and the statements below.

Do you think the statements are true (T) or false (F)?



Subject Work is boring!

Hi Tess,

I'm writing this from work. As usual there's nothing for me to do. It's so boring here. I know this company isn't making very much money at the moment so I don't think it has a very good future. The manager doesn't like me very much, and I really don't like any of my colleagues. In fact I think I might look on the Internet and see if there are any other jobs around here.

See you soon,

Debbie

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 0 Debbie's going to stay in this job for several years.   | .....F..... |
| 1 The manager is going to give Debbie a pay increase.     | .....       |
| 2 Debbie's going to look for another job.                 | .....       |
| 3 The company is going to be successful in the future.    | .....       |
| 4 Debbie's going to make some good friends in the office. | .....       |