

# 57 Future with *going to*



## 1 Form

POSITIVE		NEGATIVE	
I	am ('m)	I	am not ('m not)
He/She/It	is ('s)	He/She/It	is not (isn't)
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)

*Future with will* ► Unit 58

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. ....