

I'm going to ...

A I'm going to do something

I'm going to watch TV this evening.



morning

this evening

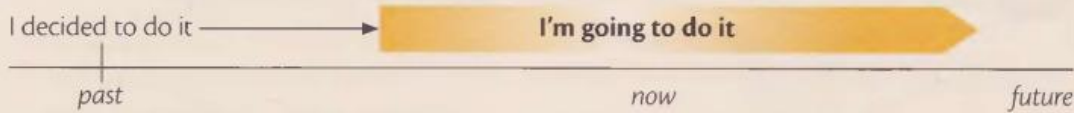
She **is going to watch** TV this evening.

We use **am/is/are going to ...** for the future:

I	am	do ...
he/she/it	is	(not) going to drink ...
we/you/they	are	watch ...

am	I	going to	buy ... ?
is	he/she/it		eat ... ?
are	we/you/they		wear ... ?

B I am going to do something = I have decided to do it, my intention is to do it:



- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah is going to sell her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What are you going to wear to the wedding next week?
- 'Your hands are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to wash them.'
- Are you going to invite Mark to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (→ Unit 25):

- I am playing tennis with Julia tomorrow.

C Something is going to happen

Something **is going to happen** = we can see *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! It's going to rain. (black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready. I'm going to be late. (9 o'clock *now* and not ready → late)



Exercises

26.1 What are these people saying?

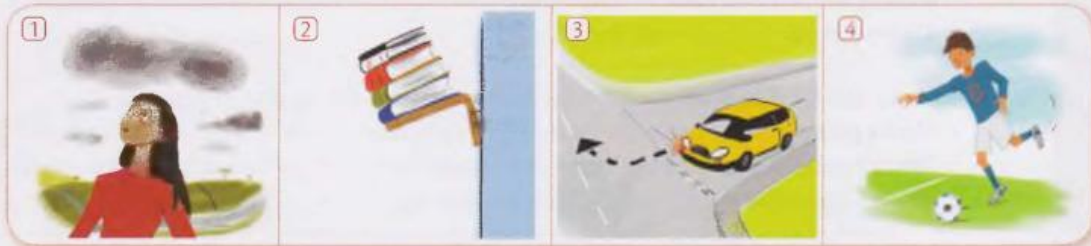


26.2 Complete the sentences. Use **going to** + these verbs:

do eat give lie down stay walk wash watch wear

- 1 My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
- 2 What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- 3 It's a nice day. I don't want to take the bus. I
- 4 Steve is going to London next week. He with some friends.
- 5 I'm hungry. I this sandwich.
- 6 It's Sarah's birthday next week. We her a present.
- 7 Sue says she's feeling very tired. She for an hour.
- 8 Your favourite programme is on TV tonight. you it?
- 9 What Rachel when she leaves school?

26.3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- 1 It's going to rain.
- 2 The shelf
- 3 The car
- 4 He

26.4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

- 1 I'm
- 2
- 3