

Thematic Unit: *Will vs Be Going To*

Usage Summary

WILL:

- **Rapid decisions:** Decisions made at the exact moment of speaking.
- **Offers:** Offering help or doing a favor.
- **Threats:** Threats or warnings.
- **Promises:** Making promises.
- **Predictions (personal opinion):** Predictions based on personal beliefs or thoughts (often used with *I think, in my opinion, I believe*).

BE GOING TO:

- **Predictions (evidence):** Predictions based on clear, present evidence in the situation.
- **Plans and intentions:** Plans or intentions decided before the moment of speaking.

Exercise 1: Multiple Choice (10 Sentences)

Choose the correct option to complete each sentence according to the function of the expression.

1. "The phone is ringing." — "Don't worry, I _____ answer it."

- a) am going to
- b) will
- c) won't
- d) is going to

2. Look at those dark gray clouds in the sky. It _____ rain very soon.

- a) will
- b) am going to
- c) won't
- d) is going to

3. "I can't carry all these boxes." — "Hold on, I _____ help you with them."

- a) will
- b) am going to
- c) is going to
- d) won't

4. Next year, Sarah and Paul _____ buy a new house. They have already saved enough money.

- a) will
- b) is going to
- c) won't

d) are going to

5. In my opinion, technology _____ completely change education in the next decade.

a) is going to

b) will

c) am going to

d) aren't going to

6. Be quiet during the test, or I _____ send you out of the classroom!

a) am going to

b) going to

c) am not going to

d) will

7. I promise I _____ forget to call you when I arrive at the hotel.

a) won't

b) am not going to

c) will

d) isn't going to

8. Look at that runner! He is way ahead of the others and near the finish line. He _____ win the race!

a) will

b) is going to

c) won't

d) am going to

9. I have made up my mind: I _____ learn German next semester.

a) am going to

b) won't

c) will

d) is going to

10. I think our team _____ play well tonight, but it's going to be a tough match.

a) will

b) is going to

c) isn't going to

d) am going to

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks (10 Gaps)

Read the text below and select the correct option for each numbered gap.

Summer Plans and Predictions

This summer (1) _____ be very exciting for Lucas. He has planned a trip to Italy, and he has already booked his flight, so he (2) _____ visit Rome in July. His friend Mark hears about this and says, "That sounds amazing! Wait, I (3) _____ recommend him a fantastic pizzeria near the Colosseum."



Lucas believes that this vacation (4) _____ be the best experience of his life because he loves Italian culture. Meanwhile, looking at the weather forecast on his phone showing extreme heatwaves in southern Europe, Mark warns him: "Look at these temperatures! It (5) _____ be extremely hot during your stay."

Before leaving, Lucas promises his mother: "I (6) _____ send you photos every single day." On his last day at work, his boss says, "If you don't return on time, I (7) _____ give your project to someone else!"

Lucas just smiles. He has already made a decision for his career: after returning from Italy, he (8) _____ apply for a new position in the company.

Suddenly, he realizes he forgot his passport on his desk. "Oh no! I (9) _____ go back to the office right now to get it!"

His colleague sees him running and says, "Be careful! You (10) _____ trip over those cables!"

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| 2. a) will | b) is going to | c) won't | d) am going to |
| 3. a) will | b) am going to | c) is going to | d) won't |
| 4. a) is going to | b) will | c) isn't going to | d) am going to |
| 5. a) will | b) is going to | c) won't | d) am going to |
| 6. a) will | b) am going to | c) is going to | d) won't |
| 7. a) am going to | b) will | c) am not going to | d) going to |
| 8. a) is going to | b) will | c) am going to | d) won't |
| 9. a) am going to | b) will | c) is going to | d) won't |
| 10. a) will | b) are going to | c) won't | d) is going to |

Exercise 3: Reading Comprehension (6 Questions)

Read the text below and answer the 6 multiple-choice questions based on the content and grammatical use of *will* and *be going to*.

The Green City Project

The mayor of Sunville has officially announced the "Green City 2030" initiative. The city council has spent two years preparing the strategy, so they **are going to install** solar panels on all public buildings starting next month. According to the blueprints already approved, workers **are going to build** three new urban parks by November.



During the press conference, a journalist asked if citizens would support the high costs. The mayor responded with confidence: "In my opinion, people **will understand** the benefits of this project very soon. I believe Sunville **will become** a model for environmental sustainability."

When an angry resident complained about potential road blockages during construction, the mayor made a quick promise: "We **will minimize** traffic disruptions as much as possible, I give you my word."

However, looking at the heavy rain currently falling over the incomplete construction site, one engineer pointed out: "Look at the mud rising over the foundation. The rain **is going to delay** the initial phase of work today."

1. Why is **"are going to install"** used to describe the solar panels project?

- a) Because it is a rapid decision made during the press conference.
- b) Because it is a threat to the citizens.
- c) Because it is a planned initiative prepared over two years.
- d) Because it is a promise made by the mayor.

2. What type of usage does **"will understand"** represent in the mayor's statement?

- a) A plan backed by blueprints.
- b) A prediction based on personal opinion ("In my opinion").
- c) An offer to reduce public taxes.
- d) A prediction based on immediate physical evidence.

3. Why does the mayor use **"will minimize"** when talking to the angry resident?

- a) He is making a promise ("I give you my word").
- b) He is showing visual evidence of the traffic.
- c) He is describing a plan that was approved two years ago.

d) He is making an offer to pay for damages.

4. Why does the engineer say "*The rain is going to delay the initial phase*"?

a) Because he is guessing based on his personal intuition.

b) Because he is threatening the workers.

c) Because he observes immediate physical evidence (the mud rising over the foundation).

d) Because it was a decision made before the conference.

5. What is one of the explicit intentions already planned for November?

a) The mayor will step down from office.

b) Workers are going to build three new urban parks.

c) Citizens will pay extra taxes.

d) The council will cancel the solar panel project.

6. Which statement best summarizes the mayor's personal opinion about Sunville's future?

a) It is going to rain every day during construction.

b) Sunville will become a model for environmental sustainability.

c) The project is going to fail due to high costs.

d) He will stop answering questions from journalists.