GRAMMAR Future: *be going to* and present continuous

1 **Read the examples. Then complete the rules with *be going to* or *present continuous*.**

1 We're going to look around the shops.
2 We're leaving on Saturday.
3 Be prepared! You're going to see a lot of people wearing 'cosplay' clothing.

We use:

a _____ to talk about future plans and arrangements, usually with a specific time reference (for example, *next week, in August*).

b _____ for things we intend to do some time in the future, sometimes with a non-specific time reference (for example, *one day, some time*).

c _____ when we predict things that we know are likely.

UNIT 8 FUTURE: *BE GOING TO* AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

be going to for intentions

- We use ***am/is/are (not)*** + ***going to*** + verb to make the ***be going to*** future.
  *I'm **going to run.***
  *We're **going to finish.***
  *You're **not going to win.***
  *They're **not going to arrive.***
  Is** she **going to leave?
  Are** you **going to play?
- We use ***be going to***:
  - for things we intend to do in the future.
    *I'm **going to visit** Italy one day.*
    *We're **going to work** really hard.*
    *I'm **not going to eat** any more chocolate.*
  - for things we know are likely to happen.
    *You drive well now. I'm sure you're **going to pass** your driving test.*
    *Look at that blue sky! It's **not going to rain** today.*

Present continuous for plans and arrangements

- We use the present continuous, usually with the time mentioned, for definite plans we already know about.
  *I'm **flying** to Spain **at the weekend.***
  *He's **not working** next week.*
  ***What time are** you **leaving**?*

Present continuous

- We use ***am, are, is*** + ***-ing*** to make the present continuous.

I	**am ('m)**	**playing.**
You, We, They	**are ('re)**	**working.**
He, She, It	**is ('s)**	**helping.**

- We use ***'m not, aren't, isn't*** to make negatives.

I	**'m not**	**working.**
They	**aren't**	**helping.**
She	**isn't**	**playing.**

- We use ***am, are, is*** to make questions.

Am	I	**helping?**
Are	you	**working?**
Is	he	**playing?**

We use the present continuous for:

- something that is happening now or around now.
  *We're **doing** our homework.* (= We're in the middle of it now.)
- temporary situations.
  *I'm **helping** my dad in his office this week.* (= I don't help him every week.)
- future plans.
  *They're **playing** table tennis after school.* (= They plan to play table tennis.)

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Practice

1 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

1 The traffic is awful this evening. I'm sure *it's going to take / it's taking* hours to get home.
2 I can't come to the cinema with you on Saturday; it's my parents' wedding anniversary and *we're going to organise / we're organising* a big family party.
3 Look at the mess in this kitchen! *I'm going to get / I'm getting* really angry if you don't clean it up right now.
4 Mum really enjoyed that cake we had at my cousin's party. *I'm going to ask / I'm asking* my aunt how to make it.
5 *I'm going to take / I'm taking* my driving test on Monday morning, so *I'm going to do / I'm doing* lots of practice this weekend.
6 I can't wait to go on holiday! *We're catching / We're going to catch* the train from St Pancras at 9 am tomorrow. *We're going to play / We're playing* card games all the way to Paris.
7 Can you hear thunder? *It's going to rain / It's raining* soon.
8 *We're meeting / We're going to meet* in the library, after lunch.

2 Complete the conversation. Use the correct form of *be going to*.

A: [1] _____ (you, go) to my cousin Felix's party?
B: Yes, I think so.
A: What [2] _____ (wear)?
B: I'm not sure. My blue dress, probably.
A: And which shoes?
B: Well, the weather forecast says it [3] _____ (be) hot so I [4] _____ (buy) some sandals.
A: [5] _____ (you, take) him a present?
B: I guess I should give him something.
A: I [6] _____ (give) him this belt.
B: Oh, that's cool. I know he [7] _____ (be) so pleased with it. But the problem is, I [8] _____ (not find) anything as good as that.
A: We can give it as a shared present, if you like.
B: Oh, that's great, thanks very much. But I [9] _____ (tell) him you found it for him.

3 Read the descriptions of the situations and complete the sentence about what is going to happen. Use *be going to* and the verb in brackets.

1 A man is climbing out of a window with a bag in his hand. A police officer is watching him. She's waiting for him.
She _____ (arrest)
2 A boy is walking along the pavement. He's looking at a beautiful motorbike on the road. He doesn't know there's a rubbish bin two metres in front of him.
He _____ (fall over)
3 There are some sausages cooking in a frying pan but there's no one in the kitchen.
They _____ (burn)
4 A man is in bed. The people in the flat downstairs are talking loudly.
He _____ (not sleep) well.
5 A girl is singing on a TV talent show. All the judges are smiling and clapping.
She _____ (win)
6 A man and a woman are playing the guitar and drums on a TV talent show. One of the judges has his hands over his ears.
They _____ (not win)

2 Complete the conversation with the correct form of *be going to* and the verbs in brackets.

Olivia: We [1] _____ (fly) to Tokyo on holiday! I'm really looking forward it.
Zayne: I was in Japan a few years ago. Tokyo's amazing. You [2] _____ (have) a great time! What [3] _____ (you / do)?
Olivia: We [4] _____ (visit) a cat café.
Mum: And we [5] _____ (go) shopping!
Olivia: What? I [6] _____ (not walk) around the shops! I [7] _____ (find) a good gaming café.
Zayne: [8] _____ (you / try) sushi with fish?
Mum: No way! I [9] _____ (not eat) uncooked fish!

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3 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

1 Next month, I *going to* / *'m going to* return your bicycle.
2 We *'re going to* / *going to* visit Argentina
3 They aren't going to *meet* / *met* at the bus stop.
4 I *'m going to working* / *'m going to work* in a sports shop. That's my plan.
5 You're going to *come* / *coming* to the UK one day.
6 They *aren't going* / *not going* to join us.

4 Make sentences with the present continuous or *be going to.*

0 we / visit / Turkey one day
We're going to visit Turkey one day.
1 I / get / the bus at 6.45 pm
2 I / cycle / to your house next time
3 they / not buy / a new TV
4 we / walk / home after school today
5 The sky is dark and cloudy. I think / it / rain
6 we / not catch / the 5.30 train / tomorrow

5 Make notes about your plans and arrangements for next weekend. Use the ideas in the box or your own ideas. Discuss your plans and arrangements in pairs.

go shopping	go to a gig or to the cinema
hang out in town	meet some friends
study	visit my grandparents
watch a football match	

A: *What are you doing next weekend?*
B: *I'm going shopping on Saturday. I'm going to buy some new jeans.*

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1 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 going / to / next year / visit / Paris / We're

2 clean / to / it's / her / car / going / because / dirty / Mum's

3 are / My / without /holiday / parents / a / Bali / having / in / me / !

4 homework / to / I'm / do / going / my / now

5 is / Tom / buy / going / a / to / phone / new

6 basketball / are / playing / for / the / week / team / James and Noah / school / next

7 going to / our tickets / Zac / for / is / the music festival / to buy / the ticket office

8 sit down / going / of / have / coffee / I'm / a / to / and / cup

2 Complete the conversation with the present continuous or *be going to* form of the verbs in the box.

do	fill in	go	have	return	take

Lily: Hey, Tyler. What [1] _____ later?

Tyler: I [2] _____ that form for the summer camp.

Lily: Oh, really? [3] _____ camping this year? I didn't think you wanted to go.

Tyler: Yeah, I know, but it was fun last year. And I think they [4] _____ different sports, like rock climbing. Also, everyone from last year's camp [5] _____. I can't wait to see Stacie and Jonas!

Lily: Well, I think it sounds great – but I can't go. Mum and Dad [6] _____ me to an adventure park in the USA this summer.

Tyler: Lucky you!

3 Read the sentences and choose the correct verb.

1 Emilia is *going to visit* / *visiting* her aunt in Australia one day. She needs to save up first!
2 On Monday, the Maz family are *flying* / *going to fly* to the Caribbean for their summer holiday.
3 I think I'm *going to watch* / *watching* TV tonight. I don't want to go out.
4 We're *leaving* / *going to leave* at 5 am tomorrow – don't be late!
5 We're *going to buy* / *buying* new bikes soon.
6 My dad is *going to cook* / *cooking* us a pizza when you next come over.
7 We're *studying* / *going to study* fish in biology next week.
8 Marcia is *going to be* / *being* late to school again.

4 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

1 **a** Tomorrow we are going to the beach.
b Tomorrow we go to the beach.
2 **a** I'm going to visit Paris next year.
b I'm going visit Paris next year.
3 **a** We are excited because next Saturday we have a party!
b We are excited because next Saturday we are having a party!
4 **a** Next weekend we are going to have a picnic.
b Next weekend we have a picnic.
5 **a** Next Saturday my family and I are going to a picnic.
b Next Saturday my family and I going to a picnic.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the present continuous or *be going to*. Sometimes both are possible.

We've got a long journey ahead to get to Canada. We're **(1)** _____ (catch) the plane at 9.30 tomorrow morning, so I'm **(2)** _____ (find) my old alarm clock tonight! I know we **(3)** _____ (have) a great time! The only problem is that our friends say the weather's not good, so it's probably **(4)** _____ (rain) for some of the time we're there. We're **(5)** _____ (stay) with friends in Montreal for a week and then we're **(6)** _____ (travel) to Toronto on the 15th. It's all planned – and I really can't wait!

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