

10B CouchSurf round the world!

1 LISTENING

- a Read the dictionary definition for *couch*, and look at the CouchSurfing website. What do you think CouchSurfing is?

couch /kaʊtʃ/ *noun* 1 a long comfortable seat for two or more people to sit on (= a sofa) 2 the bed in a doctor's room for a patient to lie on



Host: Artur Dorner
Location: Vienna, Austria
Basic information: Male, 27. PhD student. Has couch.
Languages: German, English
Description: I love meeting people and showing them my wonderful city. Better to come at weekends when I have more time!



Host: Judit Hetzke

- b (5.8) Listen to part of a radio travel programme. Were you right? How does CouchSurfing work?
- c (5.9) Now listen to the speaker give more details about CouchSurfing. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).
- ☐ CouchSurfers usually pay their host a little money.
 - ☐ You need to create a profile on the website.
 - ☐ When you find a person with a bed, you call them to agree the days you want to stay.
 - ☐ You have to offer other people a bed in your house or flat.
 - ☐ CouchSurfing is safe because you can read what other travellers say about the host.
 - ☐ The host always shows their guests their city.
 - ☐ You can CouchSurf all over the world.
- d Would you like to go CouchSurfing? Why (not)? Would you like to have a stranger to stay in *your* house? Why (not)?

2 GRAMMAR be going to (plans)

- a (5.10) A British newspaper asked their travel journalist to try CouchSurfing. Cover the dialogue and listen to the interview. What are his plans?
- b Listen again and complete the gaps with a verb.

Presenter Tell me about your plans, Philip.

Journalist I'm going to 1 _____ round Europe – to Paris, Vienna, and Budapest.

P How long are you going to 2 _____ in each city?

J Just one night in each place.

P Who are you going to 3 _____ with?

J In Paris I'm going to stay with a guy called Théo, in Vienna with a guy called Artur, and in Budapest with a woman called Judit.

P Are you going to 4 _____ on a couch?

J Only in Vienna, luckily. In the other places I have a bed.

P How are you going to 5 _____ ?

J I'm going to 6 _____ by train.

P What are you going to 7 _____ in each place?

J I don't just want to see the typical tourist sights. I hope I'm going to 8 _____ things that aren't in a guide book.

P Well, have a good trip and good luck!

- c Look at the **highlighted** sentences in the dialogue. Then answer the questions.

1 What form is the verb after *going to*?

2 Do we use *going to* to talk about the past, the present, or the future?

- d ➤ p.142 Grammar Bank 10B. Learn more about *be going to* (plans) and practise it.

- e Number the future time expressions 1–8.

<input type="checkbox"/> tonight	<input type="checkbox"/> tomorrow night
<input type="checkbox"/> next year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> today
<input type="checkbox"/> tomorrow morning	<input type="checkbox"/> next week
<input type="checkbox"/> next month	<input type="checkbox"/> tomorrow afternoon

- f (5.12) Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat. Make four true sentences about your plans.

10C *be going to* (predictions)

- We can use *be going to* + verb (infinitive) to make predictions (= to say what you think or can see is going to happen in the future).

I think it's **going to** rain.

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You're **going to be** very happy.

I'm sure they're **going to** win.



1 GRAMMAR *be going to* (plans), future time expressions

a Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 are / there / you / get / to / How / going
How are you going to get there?
- 2 to / isn't / He / a / going / stay / in / hotel
_____.
- 3 show / to / They're / city / going / the / me
_____.
- 4 good / going / time / have / We're / to / a
_____.
- 5 is / home / to / she / going / When / go
_____?
- 6 not / sights / going / I'm / see / the / to
_____.

b Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of *going to*.

- 1 Are they going to leave by train? (they / leave)
- 2 We _____ our friends the city. (show)
- 3 They _____ nice meals in expensive restaurants. (have)
- 4 _____ with a friend? (you / stay)
- 5 They _____ the museum. (not visit)
- 6 _____ the sights? (they / see)
- 7 He _____ a lot of people. (meet)
- 8 She _____ on holiday this year. (not go)

c Complete the dialogue. Use the correct form of *going to*.

- A So, where ¹ are you going to go (go) on holiday?
B I ² _____ (travel) round Europe for a few weeks.
A Really? Where ³ _____ (stay)?
B Well, this year I ⁴ _____ (not/sleep) in hotels.
Instead, I'm going to CouchSurf.
A CouchSurf? What a great idea! ⁵ _____ (travel) alone?
B Yes, I am. My girlfriend ⁶ _____ (drive) to Marbella with some friends. They ⁷ _____ (spend) all day on the beach and they ⁸ _____ (dance) all night. I don't like that kind of holiday. I ⁹ _____ (meet) lots of new people and see lots of new places.
A Which countries ¹⁰ _____? (visit)
B Italy first, and then Croatia, Greece, and Turkey. My CouchSurfing hosts ¹¹ _____ (show) me the sights. I ¹² _____ (have) a great time!