



# Future Tense "Will" versus "Be Going To"

**Tutor Annotated Lesson**

## STEP 1: Assessment

- What are the differences between “will” and “be going to”?

### Useful Expressions

- How do you say \_\_\_\_\_ in English?
- Could you repeat, please?
- I don't understand.

## STEP 2: Theory

- In the list below there are three uses of the future tense. Place the correct use (just the letter) of the future tense beside the appropriate example in the chart.
  - a prediction
  - a spontaneous action (decided at the moment of speaking)
  - a planned action

Use	Will	Be Going To
a	It will snow tomorrow.	It is going to snow tomorrow.
c	xxx	A: Do you want to go out for lunch today? B: Sorry, I can't. I am going to have lunch with my mother today.
b	A: It's cold in here. B: Yes, it is. I will turn up the heat.	xxx

## STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercise.

**EXERCISE 1:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of "will" or "be going to" and explain your choice.

1. A: Why did you buy all those chocolate chips?

B: I (make) *am going to make* chocolate chip cookies this afternoon. **a planned action**

2. A: There is no coffee left.

B: Are you sure?

A: Yes.

B: Okay, I (buy) *will buy* some when I do the groceries. **a spontaneous decision**

3. In 2100, there (be) *will be* 10 billion people in the world. **a prediction - both "will" and "be going to" can be used**

4. Kid: Mom, the chain on my bike is broken.

Mom: Okay, I (fix) *will fix* it tonight. **a spontaneous decision**

**Two hours later**

Dad: Billy's chain on his bike is broken.

Mom: Yes, I (fix) *am going to fix* it tonight. **a planned action**

## STEP 4: Production Task

**EXERCISE 2:** Answer the questions orally.

1. What are your plans for ...?

- after this tutoring session **I am going to ...**
- tonight **I am going to ...**
- next summer **I am going to ...**

**planned action**

2. What do you say when...?

- your mother says the dishwasher needs emptying. **I will ...**
- a friend tells you a secret. **I will ...**
- your father tells you that you have used up almost all the gas in the car. **I will ...**

**a spontaneous action**

## STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn?
- What are the different uses of "will" and "be going to"?

### **Important**

- **Write down the words you learned today and study them.**

### **Tutor Note**

- Ask, "how do you say ...." questions with the new vocabulary the tutee doesn't mention.

**"be going to"**

**- a planned action**

**"will"**

**- a spontaneous action**

**"be going to" and "will"**

**- a prediction**