



WILL, GOING TO & PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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1. Three ways to talk about the future

English has several ways to talk about the future. Today, you will practise three very common forms:

WILL	GOING TO	PRESENT CONTINUOUS
We often use will for: Decisions made at the moment • "The phone is ringing." • "I'll answer it." Predictions and opinions • "I think it will rain tomorrow." Offers and promises • "I'll help you with that."	We often use going to for: Plans and intentions • "I'm going to study tonight." Predictions based on what we can see or know now • "Look at those clouds! It's going to rain."	We often use the Present Continuous for: Arrangements that are already organised • "I'm meeting Sarah at 6:00." • "We're flying to Bangkok on Friday." The arrangement is already planned.

2. Look at the difference

A. Decision Now	B. Plan	C. Arrangement
A: We don't have any milk. B: I'll buy some. The speaker decides now .	I'm going to buy some milk after work. The speaker already has the plan.	I'm meeting John at the supermarket at 6:00. The time/place are arranged.

3. Complete the sentences

Choose will, going to, or Present Continuous.

- "It's very hot in here."
"I _____ open the window."
- We _____ visit our friends next Saturday. We have already arranged it.
- Look at that car! It _____ crash!
- I _____ start a new English course next month. I've already registered.
- "I can't carry all these bags."
"Don't worry. I _____ help you."
- She _____ have dinner with her parents tonight. They booked a table.
- I think people _____ use more electric cars in the future.
- We _____ move to a new apartment. We've already made the decision.
- "What are you doing with that camera?"
"I _____ take some photos."
- They _____ fly to Singapore on Monday. Their tickets are already booked.

4. Match the situation to the best reason

Write A, B or C.

A = decision now

B = plan/intention

C = organised arrangement

1. "The doorbell is ringing. I'll get it." _____
2. "I'm going to learn Spanish next year." _____
3. "We're meeting the manager at 10:00 tomorrow." _____
4. "That bag looks heavy. I'll carry it for you." _____
5. "She's going to buy a new laptop." _____
6. "I'm having lunch with Tom on Friday." _____

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In everyday English, these forms often sound very natural:

I'll...

"I'll call you later."

I'm going to...

"I'm going to look for a new job."

I'm ...ing...

"I'm meeting my sister tonight."

The important question is:

Is it a decision now, a plan, or an organised arrangement?

Teacher's Key

Activity 3

1. will
2. are going to visit
3. is going to
4. am going to
5. will
6. is having
7. will
8. are going to
9. am going to / will (context can allow both; “going to” is more natural if the speaker already has the camera and intention)
10. are flying

Activity 4

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C