

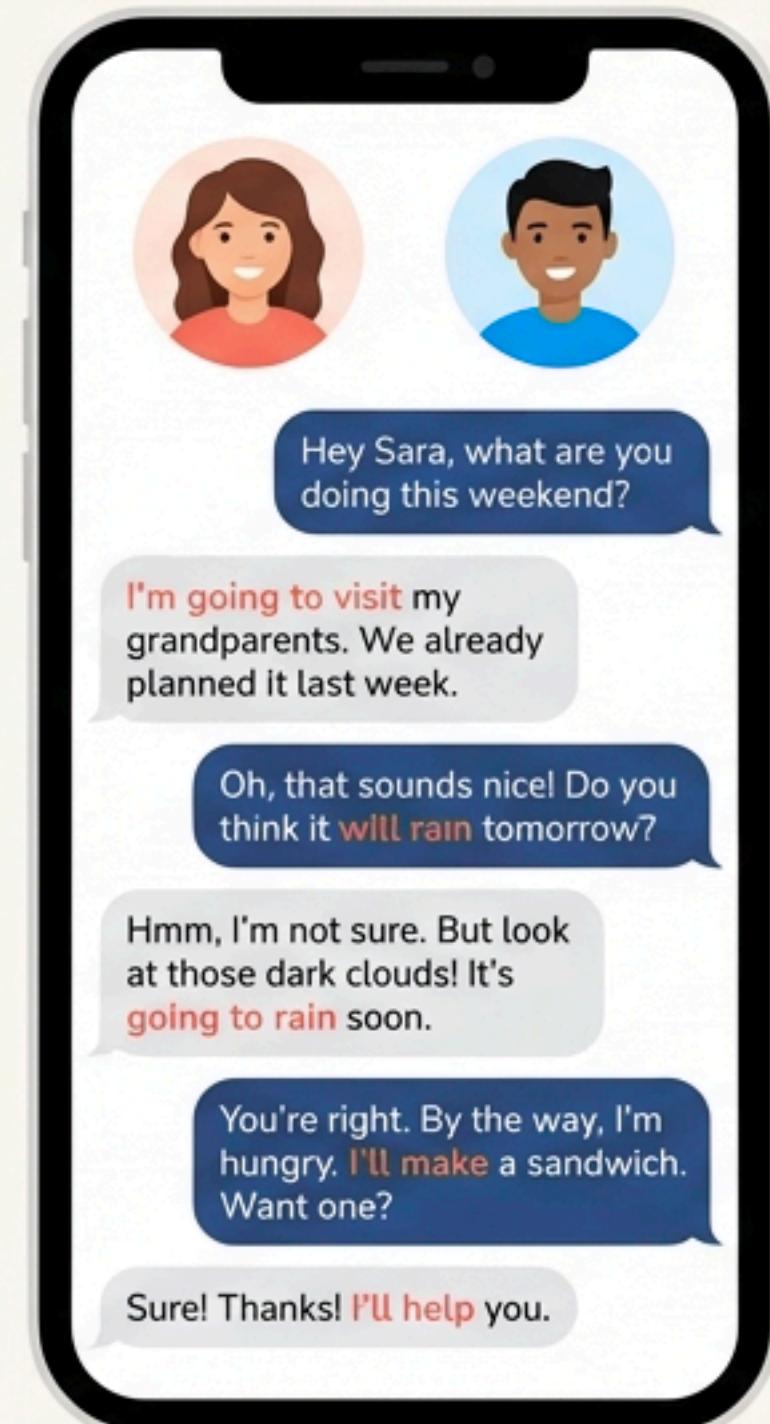
# How do we talk about the future in English?

Let's learn the difference between "will" and "be going to".

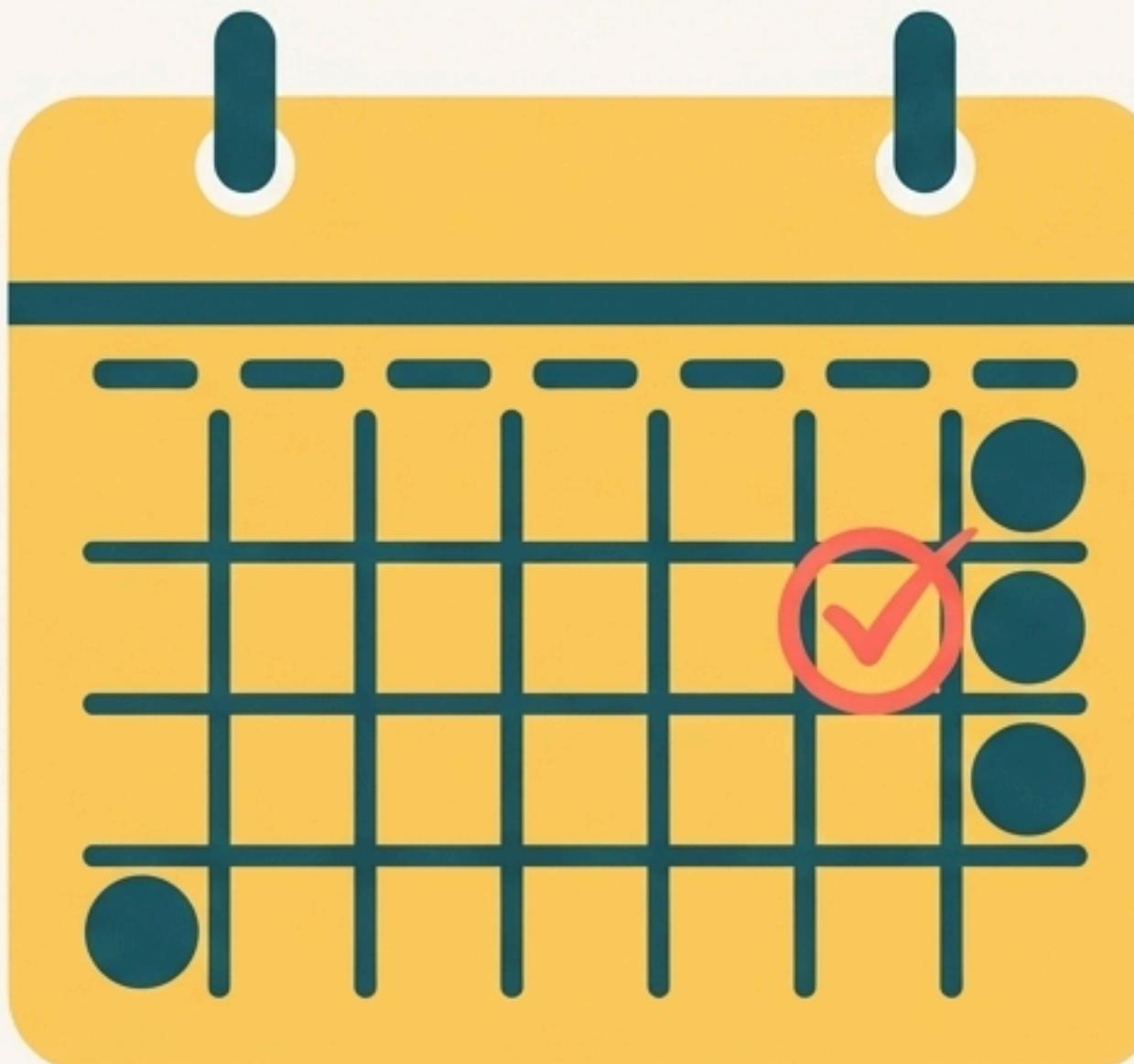


# Let's meet Sara and Ali.

Sara and Ali are talking about their plans for the weekend. Let's read their conversation. Notice how they talk about the future.



# We use 'be going to' for plans.



Use “be going to” when you talk about a **plan** or a decision you made before the moment of speaking.

I'm **going to visit** my grandparents.  
We already **planned** it last week.

This is Sara's plan. She decided it last week.

# We use 'be going to' for predictions with evidence.



Use “be going to” when you can **see** or **know** that something is very likely to happen. You have proof.

**Look at those dark clouds!** It’s **going to rain** soon.

The dark clouds are the evidence. Sara is sure it will rain.

# We use 'will' for quick decisions.



Use 'will' (or 'I'll') for a spontaneous decision you make at the moment you are speaking. It is not a plan.

I'm hungry.

I'll make a sandwich.

Ali did not plan to make a sandwich. He decided right now because he is hungry.

# We use 'will' for offers and promises.



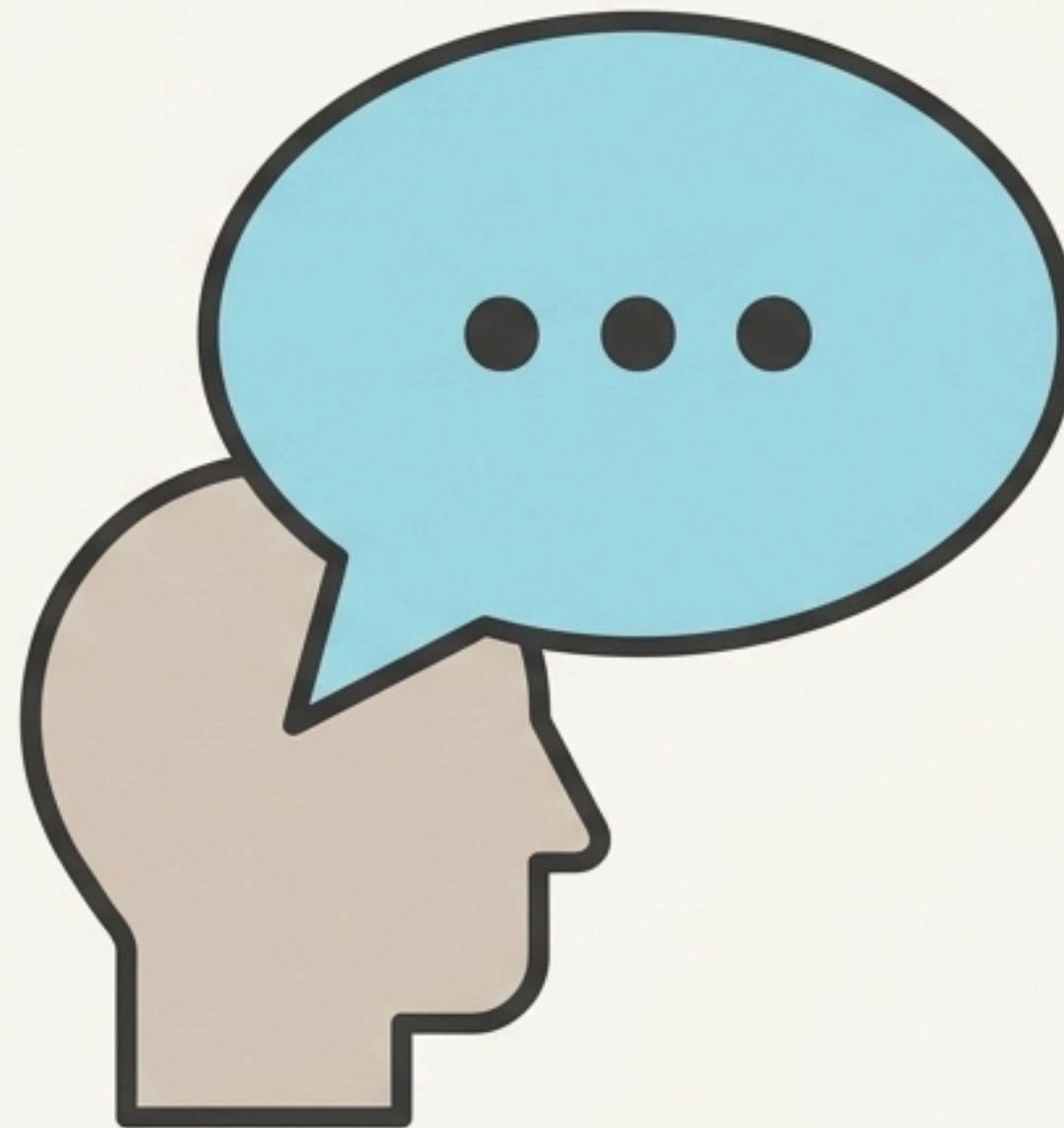
Use 'will' when you offer to help someone or promise to do something.

Sure! Thanks! **I'll help** you.

This is Sara offering to help Ali.

Another example: 'Don't worry, I **will** call you later.' (A promise)

# We use 'will' for predictions based on opinion.



Use 'will' when you think, guess, or believe something will happen in the future. It's your personal opinion, not a fact or evidence.

Do you think it will rain tomorrow?

Ali is asking for Sara's opinion. He is not sure. We often use "I think..." with "will".

# Let's Review: 'will' vs. 'be going to'

## will



### Use: Quick Decisions

"I'll make a sandwich."



### Use: Offers & Promises

"I'll help you."



### Use: Opinions & Guesses

"I think it **will** rain."

## be going to



### Use: Plans

"I'm **going to** visit my grandparents."



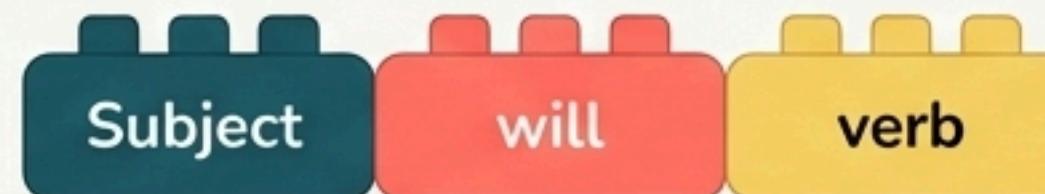
### Use: Predictions with Evidence

"It's **going to** rain."

# How to build the sentences.



## Future with “will”



**Affirmative (+):** Subject + **will** + verb (I **will** go.)

**Negative (-):** Subject + **will not** (won't) + verb (I **won't** go.)

**Interrogative (?):** **Will** + Subject + verb? (**Will** you go?)

## Future with “be going to”



**Affirmative (+):** Subject + **am/is/are** + **going to** + verb (He **is** going to study.)

**Negative (-):** Subject + **am/is/are** + **not** + **going to** + verb (He **is not** going to study.)

**Interrogative (?):** **Am/Is/Are** + Subject + **going to** + verb? (**Is** he **going to** study?)

# Practice Time: Choose the correct option.

Read the sentences and circle the best answer.

1. Look at the clouds! It (**will** / **is going to**) rain soon.
2. I'm hungry. I think I (**will** / **am going to**) order a pizza.
3. Don't worry, I (**will** / **am going to**) help you with your homework.
4. We already decided that we (**will** / **are going to**) watch a movie tonight.
5. Watch out! That glass (**will** / **is going to**) fall off the table.

## More Practice: Fill in the blanks.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of 'will' or 'be going to'.

1. Look at that car! It \_\_\_\_\_ into the pole!
2. Don't worry, I \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy bag for you.
3. Next month, we \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains. (We planned it).
4. I believe it \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
5. "I forgot my notebook!" "Don't worry, I \_\_\_\_\_ you mine."

# Check Your Answers

## Section 1: Choose the correct option

1. **is going to**
2. **will**
3. **will**
4. are going to
5. **is going to**

## Section 2: Fill in the blanks

1. **is going to** crash
2. **will** carry
3. **are going to** camp
4. **will** snow
5. **will** lend

# Your turn! What are your plans?

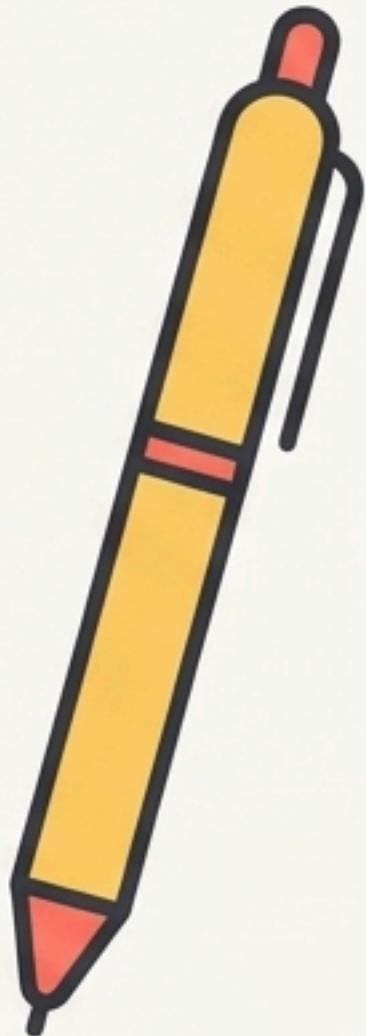
## Task

Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) about what you plan to do next weekend.

Use 'be going to' for your plans and 'will' for your thoughts or offers.

### Example Starter

Next weekend, I am going to visit my grandparents. We are going to have a big family lunch. I think it will be a sunny day, so we are probably going to eat outside. I think I will enjoy the time with my family.



# Your Guide to Talking About the Future

## Use 'will' for...

### USE

 Opinions, Predictions, Guesses

 Instant Decisions (spontaneous)

 Offers & Promises

### KEYWORDS

think, believe, guess, probably

(no specific words)

promise, don't worry

### EXAMPLE SENTENCE

I think it **will snow** tomorrow.

I'm thirsty. I'**ll get** some water.

Don't worry, I'**ll help** you.

## Use 'be going to' for...

### USE

 Plans & Intentions

 Predictions with Evidence

### KEYWORDS

already planned, decided,  
next week...

Look at!, See, Hear...

### EXAMPLE SENTENCE

We **are going to visit** Grandma  
next weekend.

Look at those clouds! It's **going  
to rain**.