

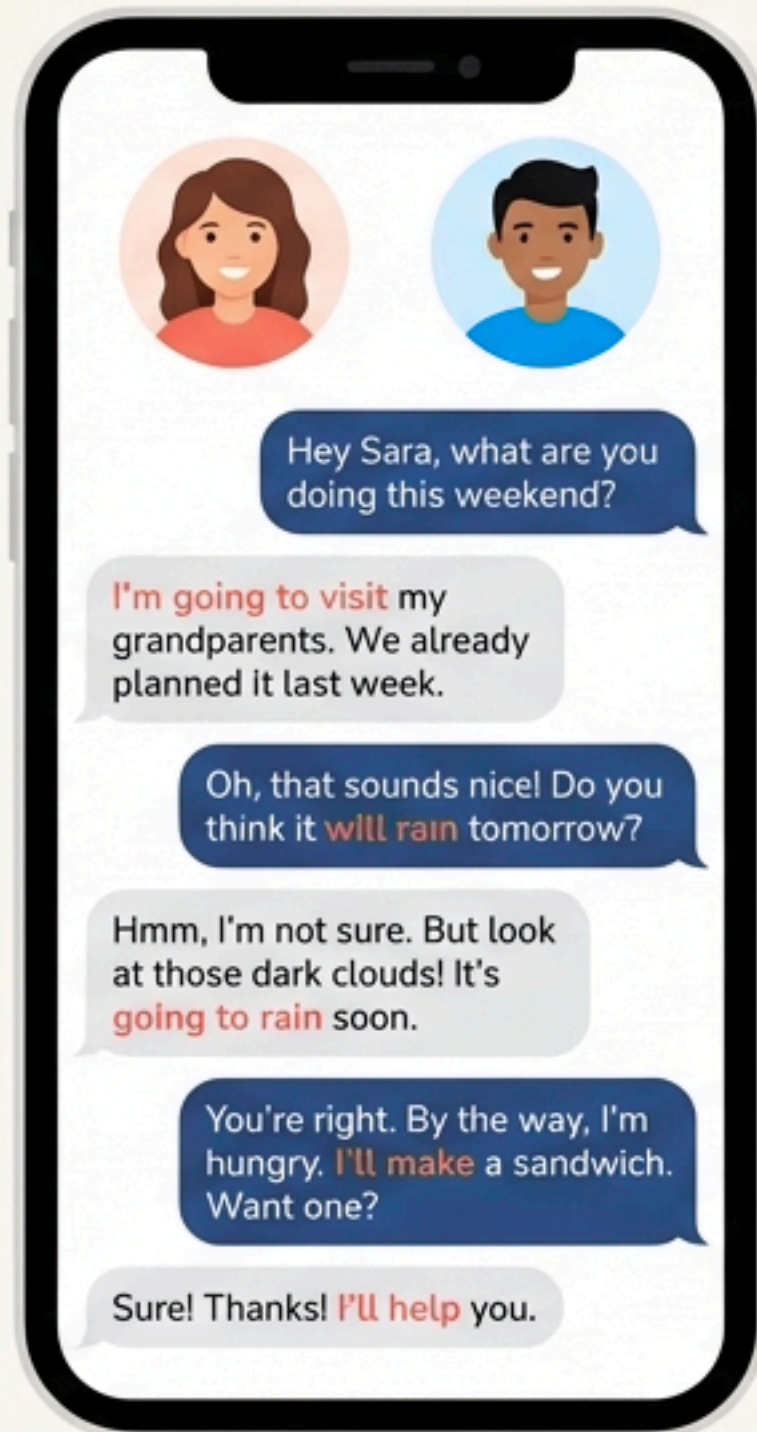
How do we talk about the future in English?

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.



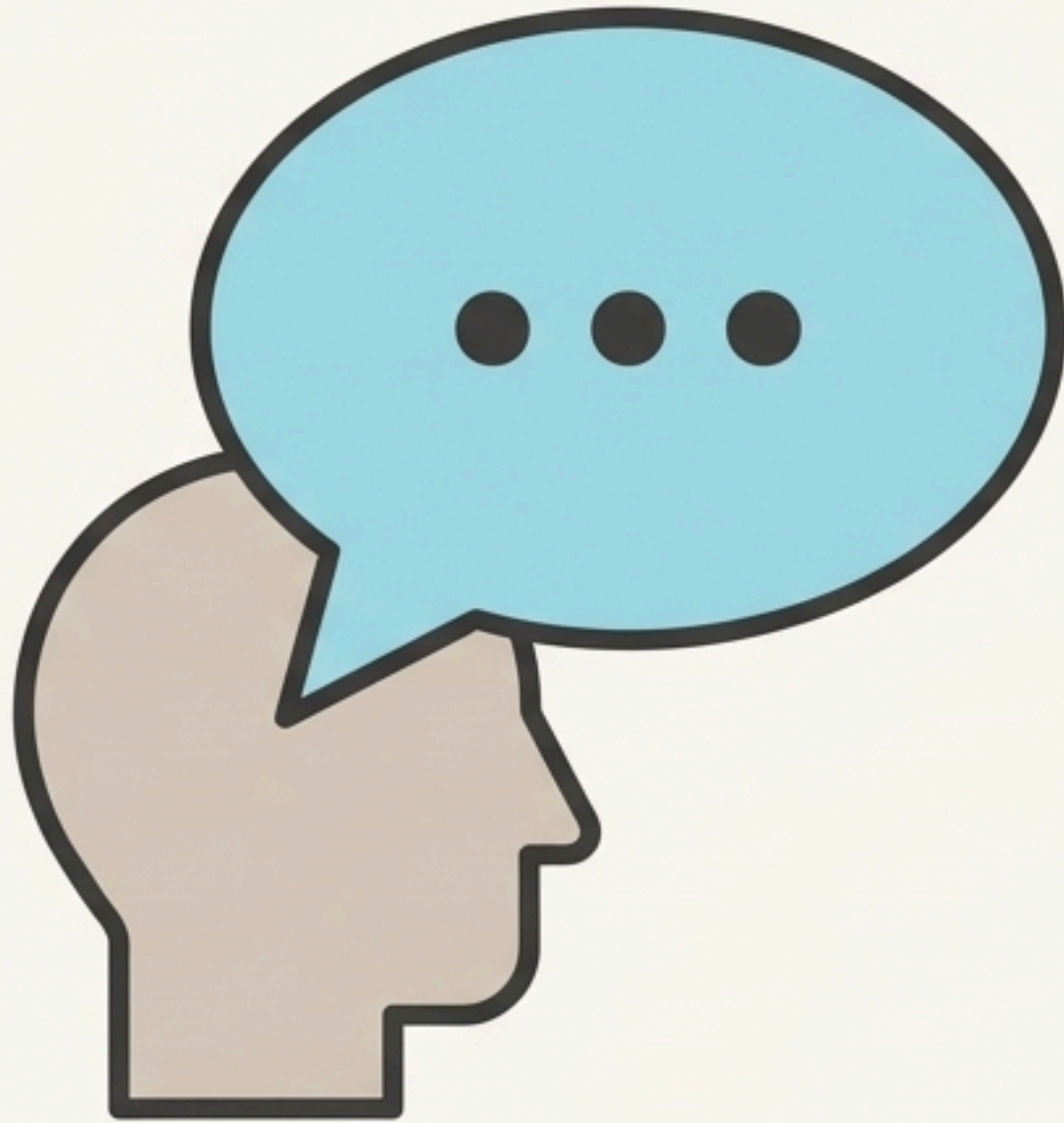
Use 'will' when you offer to help someone or promise to do something.

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	KEYWORDS	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
 Opinions, Predictions, Guesses	think, believe, guess, probably	I think it will snow tomorrow.
 Instant Decisions (spontaneous)	(no specific words)	I'm thirsty. I' ll get some water.
 Offers & Promises	promise, don't worry	Don't worry, I' ll help you.

Use 'be going to' for...

USE	KEYWORDS	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
 Plans & Intentions	already planned, decided, next week...	We are going to visit Grandma next weekend.
 Predictions with Evidence	Look at!, See, Hear...	Look at those clouds! It' s going to rain .