

Will vs. Be Going to
(predictions, offers, promises, intentions and decisions)

Will

predictions, especially after *I (don't) think ...*
 e.g. I think he'll become a lawyer.

offers and promises
 e.g. I'll carry your bags.
 I won't reveal your secret

instant decisions
 e.g. A: I'm thirsty.
 B: Oh, I'll bring you a glass of water.

Going to

predictions, especially when they're based on what we can see
 e.g. Look at that girl. She's so happy that she's going to cry.

intentions
 e.g. I'm going to visit my grandma next weekend.

1) Complete the sentences with *will* or *going to*, then write *P (prediction)*, *O (offer)*, *D (decision)* or *I (intention)*:

- a) Did you have lunch? I _____ (make) you a sandwich if you want. _____
- b) Next month we _____ (visit) our friend, Phil. _____
- c) In ten years, no one _____ (use) Bluray anymore. _____
- d) It's such a wonderful day. I think I _____ (walk) home. _____
- e) The kids should stop running. They _____ (slip) and fall. _____

2) Complete with the affirmative or negative form of *will* or *going to* and the verbs in brackets.

- a) Alan, promise me you _____ (drink) all the juice. I want some too.
- b) A: What are you doing later?
 B: I _____ (play) basketball with my friends.
- c) I'm so tired! I _____ (definitely/ get up) early tomorrow.
- d) Scientists say the weather _____ (be) hot this summer.
- e) A: Jane, have fun at the party.
 B: Thanks! I _____ (come) home too late, I promise.
- f) Jack, you've been in the sun for hours. You _____ (have) terrible sunburn.
- g) I _____ (get) a job this summer. I need the money.

3) Complete these mini-dialogues. Use will or going to and the verbs given below.

do / turn up / lend / spend / get / tell / enter / buy



A: Can you keep my secret?
 B: Yes, don't worry! I _____ anyone.



A: Oh, no. My MP3 player is broken! I'm going on holiday tomorrow!
 2. Don't worry I _____ you mine.



A: What _____ you _____ for Ann's birthday?
 2. Oh, I forgot about that. I think I _____ her some flowers.



A: Have you decided where to go for your next holiday?
 2. Yes, we _____ a week in Canada.



A: Lilly, I can't hear the TV.
 2. OK, Dad. I _____ it _____.



A: You've done your test well. What _____ you _____ after finishing school?
 2. I _____ the university.

4) Match the sentences with the uses of will. Write a, b or c:

- a) what someone thinks about the future
- b) an offer to do something
- c) a decision

- 1 The summer will be hot this year.
- 2 I'm very bored. I'll phone Paul.
- 3 Don't cry Tom. We will take you to the zoo.
- 4 My younger sister will probably study in Spain.
- 5 I'll take the red dress, please.
- 6 Are you hot? I'll open the window.
- 7 I will travel to different countries.
- 8 We'll help you to do your homework.
- 9 I will live in my hometown.
- 10 A - I'm thirsty.
 B - Oh. I'll bring you a glass of water.