

# GOLD

## experience

**A1**

Pre-Key for  
Schools

Unit 9 - *be going to*

# There are many ways to talk about the future in English. *Be going to* is one of them.

Let's look at:

1. When we use *be going to* to talk about the future.
2. How we make sentences using *be going to*.
3. Common pronunciation when we talk.



When do we use it?

# Function: *be going to*



Hello! What are your plans for the weekend? Are you going to visit your grandma?

Me too. I'm not going to do anything – only sleep!

No, I'm not. I'm going to relax this weekend and stay at home.



Look at what the boy says: *'I'm going to relax this weekend.'* Is this a prediction or a plan?

*A plan.*

*It's an intention.*

*The future.*

Look at the conversation. Are the boy and girl talking about the past, present or future?



Is the plan organised (e.g. with a date in a diary) or is it an intention?

# Function: *be going to*

We use *be going to* to talk about future plans and intentions.



Hello! What are your plans for the weekend? Are you going to visit your grandma?

Here, the girl is asking about future plans.

No, I'm not. I'm going to relax this weekend and stay at home.

This is a future intention. Plans and intentions are not always organised. They don't have a date and time like future arrangements.

Me too. I'm not going to do anything – only sleep!

How do we make sentences using *be going to*?

# Form: *be going to*

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No, I'm not. I'm going to relax this weekend and stay at home.

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Look at the conversation again. Find an example positive, negative, question and short answer using *be going to*. The first one is done for you.



Now use the examples to complete the gaps in the tables with these words. The first is done for you.

isn't (is not)      'm (am)      going to going to      verb infinitive

positive: I'm going to relax this weekend.			
I		going to	
He/She/It	's (is)		
We/You/They	're (are)		

negative: I'm not going to do anything.			
I	'm not (am not)	verb infinitive	
He/She/It			
We/You/They	aren't (are not)		

question: Are you going to visit your grandma?				
(question word)	am	I		
	is	he/she/it		
	are	we/you/they		

short answer: No, I'm not.		
Yes/No,	I	am/'m not
		is/isn't
	we/you/they	are/aren't

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The verb infinitive is the form you find in a dictionary.

## positive: I'm going to relax this weekend.

I	'm (am)	going to	verb infinitive
He/She/It	's (is)		
We/You/They	're (are)		

## question: Are you going to visit your grandma?

(question word)	am	I	going to	verb infinitive
	is	he/she/it		
	are	we/you/they		

## negative: I'm not going to do anything.

I	'm not (am not)	going to	verb infinitive
He/She/It	isn't (is not)		
We/You/They	aren't (are not)		

## short answer: No, I'm not.

Yes/No,	I	am/'m not
	he/she/it	is/isn't
	we/you/they	are/aren't



Let's consider pronunciation...

# Think about pronunciation...



Look at the parts of the conversation again. Listen to your teacher and repeat.

When we talk quickly, we can pronounce *going to* as /gʊnə/. Listen again...

Are you going to visit your grandma?

I'm not going to do anything

I'm going to relax this weekend.

Let's practise!

# Practice activities

All of these sentences have errors. Correct them.

1. Where **she is** going to study at university?

**Where is she going to study at university?**

2. Rachel and Martin **going** to move house next year.

**Rachel and Martin are going to move house next year.**

3. She isn't going to **comes** on holiday.

**She isn't going to come on holiday.**

4. Are they **going fly** here or come by train?

**Are they going to fly here or come by train?**

5. I'm not **going eat** any meat next month.

**I'm not going to eat any meat next month.**

6. Tilly **going** to start looking for a new job soon.

**Tilly is going to start looking for a new job soon.**