

# I'm going to ...

A

I'm going to do something

I'm going to watch TV this evening.



morning

this evening

She **is going to watch** TV this evening.

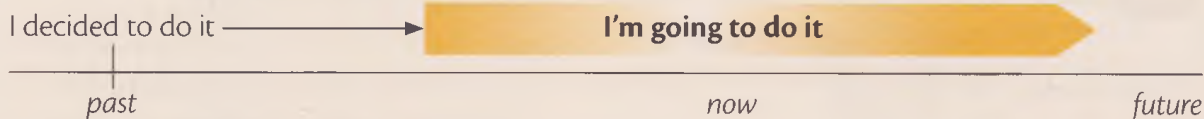
We use **am/is/are going to ...** for the *future*:

I	<b>am</b>		do ...
he/she/it	<b>is</b>	(not) <b>going to</b>	drink ...
we/you/they	<b>are</b>		watch ...

<b>am</b>	I		buy ... ?
<b>is</b>	he/she/it	<b>going to</b>	eat ... ?
<b>are</b>	we/you/they		wear ... ?

B

**I am going to do something** = I have decided to do it, my intention is to do it:



- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah is going to sell her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What are you going to wear to the wedding next week?
- 'Your hands are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to wash them.'
- Are you going to invite Mark to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (→ Unit 25):

- I am playing tennis with Julia tomorrow.

C

Something **is going to happen**

Something **is going to happen** = we can see *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! It's going to rain.  
(black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready.  
I'm going to be late.  
(9 o'clock *now* and not ready → late)



# Exercises

## 26.1 What are these people saying?

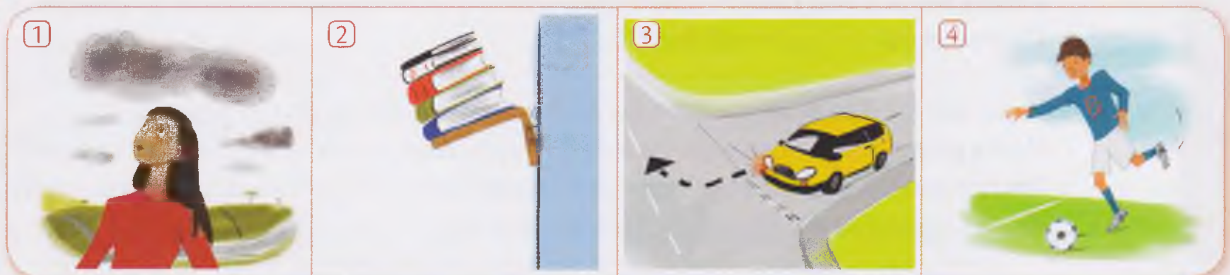


## 26.2 Complete the sentences. Use **going to** + these verbs:

do eat give lie down stay walk ~~wash~~ watch ~~wear~~

- 1 My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
- 2 What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- 3 It's a nice day. I don't want to take the bus. I .....
- 4 Steve is going to London next week. He ..... with some friends.
- 5 I'm hungry. I ..... this sandwich.
- 6 It's Sarah's birthday next week. We ..... her a present.
- 7 Sue says she's feeling very tired. She ..... for an hour.
- 8 Your favourite programme is on TV tonight. .... you ..... it?
- 9 What ..... Rachel ..... when she leaves school?

## 26.3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- 1 It's going to rain. .....
- 2 The shelf .....
- 3 The car .....
- 4 He .....

## 26.4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

- 1 I'm .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....

**24.4**

- |            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| 2 told     | 8 spoken  |
| 3 won      | 9 cost    |
| 4 met      | 10 driven |
| 5 woken up | 11 sold   |
| 6 swam     | 12 flew   |
| 7 thought  |           |

**UNIT 25****25.1**

- 2 Richard is going to the cinema.
- 3 Rachel is meeting Dave.
- 4 Karen is having lunch with Will.
- 5 Sue and Tom are going to a party.

**25.2**

- 2 Are you working next week?
- 3 What are you doing tomorrow evening?
- 4 What time are your friends coming?
- 5 When is Lisa going on holiday?

**25.3**

- 3–6 *Example answers*  
 I'm going away at the weekend.  
 I'm playing basketball tomorrow.  
 I'm meeting a friend this evening.  
 I'm going to the cinema on Thursday evening.

**25.4**

- 3 She's getting
- 4 are going ... are they going
- 5 finishes
- 6 I'm not going
- 7 I'm going ... We're meeting
- 8 are you getting ... leaves
- 9 Are you coming ... does the film begin
- 10 are you doing ... I'm working

**UNIT 26****26.1**

- 2 I'm going to have a bath.
- 3 I'm going to buy a car.
- 4 We're going to play football.

**26.2**

- 3 'm/am going to walk
- 4 's/is going to stay
- 5 'm/am going to eat
- 6 're/are going to give
- 7 's/is going to lie down

- 8 Are you going to watch
- 9 is Rachel going to do

**26.3**

- 2 The shelf is going to fall (down).
- 3 The car is going to turn (right).
- 4 He's / He is going to kick the ball.

**26.4**

- 1–3 *Example answers*  
 I'm going to phone Maria this evening.  
 I'm going to get up early tomorrow.  
 I'm going to buy some shoes tomorrow.

**UNIT 27****27.1**

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 2 she'll be | 5 she's     |
| 3 she was   | 6 she was   |
| 4 she'll be | 7 she'll be |

**27.2**

- Example answers:*  
 2 I'll be at home.  
 3 I'll probably be in bed.  
 4 I'll be at work.  
 5 I don't know where I'll be.

**27.3**

- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 2 'll/will | 5 'll/will |
| 3 won't    | 6 'll/will |
| 4 won't    | 7 won't    |

**27.4**

- 3 I think we'll win the game.
- 4 I don't think I'll be here tomorrow.
- 5 I think Sue will like her present.
- 6 I don't think they'll get married.
- 7 I don't think you'll enjoy the film.

**27.5**

- 2 are you doing
- 3 They're going
- 4 will lend
- 5 I'm going
- 6 will phone
- 7 He's working
- 8 Will you
- 9 are coming

**UNIT 28****28.1**

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 2 I'll eat | 5 I'll stay |
| 3 I'll sit | 6 I'll show |
| 4 I'll do  |             |

**28.2**

- 2 I think I'll have
- 3 I don't think I'll play
- 4 I think I'll buy
- 5 I don't think I'll buy

**28.3**

- 2 I'll do
- 3 I watch
- 4 I'll go
- 5 is going to buy
- 6 I'll give
- 7 Are you doing ... I'm going
- 8 I'm working

**28.4**

- 2 Shall I turn off the TV?
- 3 Shall I make some sandwiches?
- 4 Shall I turn on the light?

**28.5**

- 2 where shall we go?
- 3 what shall we buy?
- 4 who shall we invite?

**UNIT 29****29.1**

- 2 I might see you tomorrow.
- 3 Sarah might forget to phone.
- 4 It might snow today.
- 5 I might be late tonight.
- 6 Mark might not be here next week.
- 7 I might not have time to go out.

**29.2**

- 2 I might go away.
- 3 I might see her on Monday.
- 4 I might have fish.
- 5 I might get/take a taxi. or ... go by taxi.
- 6 I might buy/get a new car.