



Be going to

# Introduction to 'Be going to'

- Grammar lesson for A1 level
- Focus on: Plans and Predictions

# Examples of 'Be going to'

- I am going to play football.
- I'm going to play football.
- I am not going to play football.
- I'm not going to play football.
- Am I going to play football?
- I'm going to play football tomorrow.
- I'm not going to play football tomorrow.
- Am I going to play football tomorrow?
- Yes, I am.
- No, I'm not.
- I'm going to play football, aren't I?

Be going to:

## BE GOING TO – FORM & USE

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POSITIVE

I	{	am	}	going to work.
He		'm		
She	{	is		
It		's		
You	{	are	}	
We		're		
They				

NEGATIVE

I	{	am not	}	going to work.
He		'm not		
She	{	is not		
It		isn't		
You	{	are not	}	
We		aren't		
They				

QUESTION

Am	{	I	}	going to work?
Is		He		
	{	She		
		It		
Are	{	You	}	
		We		
		They		

SHORT ANSWER

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

USE

PREDICTIONS

*Stop the car! We are going to have an accident!*

INTENTIONS  
PLANS

*I'm going to have a drink after work.*

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# Be going to: Form

- Consists of the present continuous of the verb 'go' (I'm going, you are going, etc.) + 'to'-infinitive form of the main verb.
- When the main verb is 'go'
  - We can exclude it if we want.
  - Example: I'm going shopping this afternoon. (= I'm going to go shopping this afternoon.)
  - Example: We are going to Cyprus next summer. (= We are going to go to Cyprus next summer.)

# Be going to: Use - Predictions

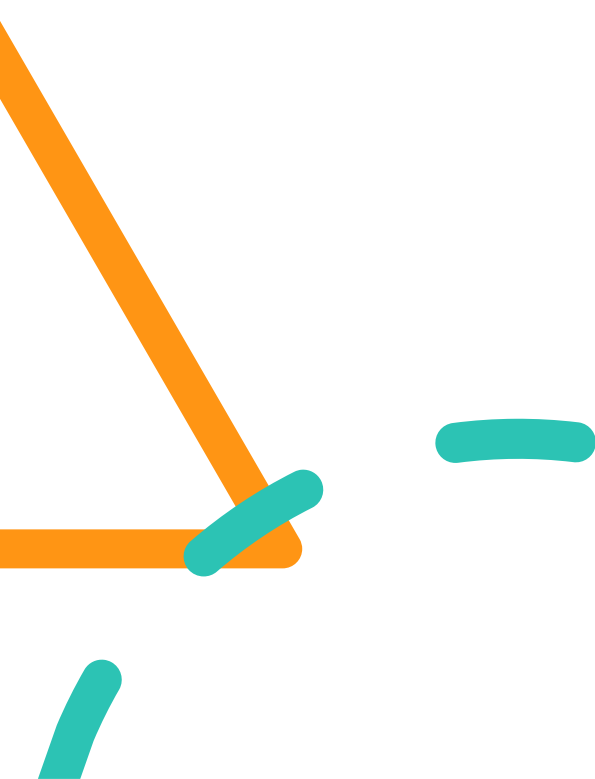
- We use 'be going to' to talk about something that we see is going to happen (there is present evidence).
- Example: Don't drive like a crazy man. We're going to have an accident!
- Example: The doctor said I'm going to have a girl.
- Example: Look at those clouds. It's going to rain.

# Be going to: Use - Intentions or Plans

- We use 'be going to' for intentions or plans (decisions taken before the moment of speaking).
- Example: 'Why are you undressing?' 'Because I'm going to go for a swim.'
- Example: We are going to have a drink after work. Do you want to come?



# Be going to: Use - Future Time Expressions

- We often use 'be going to' with future time expressions (tomorrow, next week, etc.).
  - Example: We are going to play cards tonight.
  - Example: She's going to study biology next year.
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# Continue Practicing 'Be going to'!

- How can we use 'be going to' to talk about predictions you are making right now?
  - What are some plans you have for next weekend?
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