

UNIT 19

Future: Be going to and Will



CHECK POINT

Tick the main point of the cartoon.

- The man has forgotten his umbrella.
- The man is going to fall into the hole.

CHART CHECK 1

Tick the correct answer.

How many forms does **be** have in **be going to**?

- one
- two
- three

STATEMENTS: BE GOING TO

SUBJECT	BE*	(NOT) GOING TO	BASE FORM OF VERB	
I	am 'm	(not) going to	leave	soon.
He/She/It	is 's	(not) going to		
We/You*/They	are 're	(n't) going to		

*You is both singular and plural.

CHART CHECK 2

Circle T (True) or F (False).

T F In questions, a form of **be** goes after the subject.

YES/NO QUESTIONS: BE GOING TO

BE	SUBJECT	GOING TO	BASE FORM
Am	I		
Is	he	going to	leave soon?
Are	you		

SHORT ANSWERS

AFFIRMATIVE		NEGATIVE	
Yes,	you are.	No,	you aren't.
	he is.		he isn't.
	I am.		I 'm not.

WH- QUESTIONS: BE GOING TO

WH- WORD	BE	SUBJECT	GOING TO	BASE FORM
When Why	am	I	going to	leave?
	is	he		
	are	you		

CHART CHECK 3

Circle T (True) or F (False).

T F The form of **will** is the same for all subjects.

STATEMENTS: WILL

SUBJECT	WILL (NOT)	BASE FORM	
I/He/She/It/We/You/They	will (not) (won't)	leave	soon.

YES/NO QUESTIONS: WILL

WILL	SUBJECT	BASE FORM	
Will	he	leave	soon?

SHORT ANSWERS

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Yes, he will.	No, he won't.

WH- QUESTIONS: WILL

WH- WORD	WILL	SUBJECT	BASE FORM
When	will	he	leave?

EXPRESS CHECK

Unscramble these words to form two sentences.

to • rain • It's • going _____
 an • get • I'll • umbrella _____

Grammar Explanations

Examples

1. You can use **be going to** to talk about future plans and intentions.

- Professor Fox **is going to attend** a conference next week.
- I **'m going to go** with him.

You can use **will** to say what you think or guess will happen in the future.

- I think it **will be** very interesting.
- I suppose he **'ll talk** about his new invention.
- The cars of the future **won't run** on petrol.

2. Use **be going to** when something in the present leads you to predict something in the future.

- Look at those dark clouds! It **'s going to rain**.
Not Look at those dark clouds! It ~~will~~ rain.
- Watch out! You **'re going to fall**.

Use **will** to give information about the future.

- Professor Fox's books **will be** on sale at the conference.

Use **will** when you decide something at the moment of speaking.

- A:** Professor Fox is speaking at noon.
B: Oh. I think I **'ll go** to his talk.

Check it out!

There are other ways to talk about the future. See Unit 20, pages 84–85.