

Future Tenses: Overview

VISUAL PROOF	be going to + VERB	<i>Look out! The ladder's going to fall!</i>
PLAN		<i>Jon just called. We're going to meet at eight.</i>
DECISION	will + VERB	<i>I feel a little sick. I think I'll leave early.</i>
OFFER		<i>I'll help you move on Saturday.</i>
PROMISE		<i>I'll give you the money tomorrow.</i>

Visual proof of certainty takes *be going to* (*Look at the clouds, it's going to rain*). When a **decision** is made, *will* is used (*Maybe/Perhaps/I think I'll leave early tonight*). Afterwards, when the decision has become a definite **plan**, *be going to* is used (*I'm going to take my vacation next week*).

Will is used for **offers** and **requests** (*Will you get that for me?*), as well as **promises** (*Don't worry. I'll be back later.*) and **threats** (*I'll see you in court!*)

Fill in the blanks with **BE GOING TO** (plans or visual proof of certainty), or **WILL** (offers, requests, promises, threats, and decisions).

1. "What are you doing tonight?" "I think I _____ (see) movie."
2. "Who would like to read number 2?" "I _____ (do) it."
3. "Why did you get so much rice?" "I _____ (make) sushi for the party tomorrow."
4. "I forgot to buy chips for the party." "I _____ (go) to the store if you need me to."
5. "Have you ever been to Spain?" "No, but maybe I _____ (go) someday."
6. "I _____ (fly) to Mexico next month. I just bought my ticket!"
7. "Look out! You _____ (hit) that tree!"
8. "I can't find the coffee cups in the cupboard." "It's OK. I _____ (get) them for you."
9. "Hey Tom, do you want to go to the movie with me?" "I'd like to, but I've got a lot of things to do. I _____ (clean) my apartment. Maybe I _____ (call) you tomorrow."
10. "I don't care what you think. I _____ (do) what I want whether you like it or not."