

Progressive Constructions: Was / Were Going To + Base Verb

FORM:

was / were going to + base verb + a past tense verb

USE:

This is to indicate a change of plans. The person or people referred to when you use this structure planned to do something, but for some reason did not do it. You can state the reason why not (**but...**), but you do not have to.

EXAMPLES:

I was going to call you, but I got too busy.

She was going to come to the party, but she got sick.

Bessy was going to go to a movie, but she decided to watch television instead.

Complete the following sentences.

1. He was going to go to Oakville _____
2. I was going to go by train _____
3. She was going to phone her mother _____
4. They were going to buy a new car _____
5. We were going to have a picnic _____

Make sentences with the following, using WAS / WERE GOING TO.

1. John / to the store / stay home

2. Jim / play baseball / start to rain

3. They / eat restaurant / eat home

4. She / fly to Philadelphia / take train

5. He / watch television / read book

Make sentences using WAS / WERE GOING TO.

1. They (visit) us next weekend. _____

2. We (eat) out tonight. _____

3. I (leave) for Europe on Tuesday. _____

4. They (wait) for us after the show. _____

5. We (get) up early tomorrow morning and go fishing. _____

6. She (go) to Costa Rica on her vacation. _____

7. You (have) an examination in mathematics
tomorrow. _____

8. Mike (take) Alex to the dance tonight. _____

9. Mr. and Mrs. Blake (build) a summer home on
Prince Edward Island. _____

10. He (start) his new job next week. _____

Answer each question using WAS / WERE GOING TO and give a reason.

1. Did you buy that jacket you saw in the store window?

2. Did you invite Naomi to the party?

3. Did Susan get married?

4. Did Jim and Janet go to the outdoor concert?

Complete the first part of each sentence.

1. _____,but I didn't have any change left.
2. _____,but she couldn't remember the address.
3. _____,but they went to the pub instead.
4. _____,but he took Nancy instead.
5. _____,but we didn't have the nerve.
6. _____,but he forgot his keys.