

Grammar - Future

Intermediate English, Week 10, Fall 2020

Talking about the future

- In English, we have two ways to talk about the future: *will* and *be going to*
- For both, we use them with a base verb. This verb doesn't change!
 - It *will snow* a lot tomorrow.
 - I *am going to be* late for class this afternoon.
- We can use them to talk about any time in the future – tomorrow, this evening, next year, or in 100 years
 - Next weekend, my family *is going to go* to Chicago.
 - People *will live* on the moon in the year 2100.

Future with *will*

- To talk about the future with *will*, just put it in front of the verb
 - They *will go* to the library tomorrow morning.
- You don't need to change the verb! (No –s, -ing, or –ed)
 - He *will study* English. ~~NOT He will studies English.~~
 - Don't change *will*, either! ~~NOT She wills work today.~~
- We often use *will* in a contraction
 - I'll *buy* a new house next year.
 - She'll *visit* her grandmother this weekend.
- The negative form is *will not* (*won't*)
 - We *won't have* class on Friday.

Future with *be going to*

- You can also use *be going to* for talking about the future
- Change *be* for the subject (*am, are, or is*). Don't change the base verb!
 - I *am going to eat* dinner at 7:00.
 - We *are going to clean* the house tomorrow.
 - My sister *is going to start* university in the fall.
- To make it negative, add *not* after *am/are/is*
 - He *is not going to look* for a job.
- You can also use contractions in the positive or negative
 - You're *going to finish* your homework.
 - They *aren't going to watch* a movie tonight.

Questions about the future - *will*

- For asking questions about the future, use *will* instead of *do*
 - *Will* you play basketball with us on Saturday?
- If it is a yes/no question, the first word will be *will*
 - *Will* we have English class tonight?
- If you have a question word, it *will* be the first word
 - When *will* the meeting start?
 - Where *will* she live next year?
- Question words – who, what, when, where, why, how
- QW + *will* + subject + main verb +

Questions about the future – **be going to**

- For yes/no questions, start with *am/are/is*, then the subject
 - **Are** you **going to** come with us to the party?
 - **Is** your sister **going to** move to Chicago?
- Put the subject between **be** and **going to**
- If you have a question word, it will be the first word
 - What **are** you **going to** do this weekend?
 - Where **are** they **going to** work next year?
- QW + **am/are/is** + subject + **going to** + main verb + ...