Be going to (plans/predictions)

The phrase "**be going to**" is used in English to express plans and predictions about future events. It is formed by using the appropriate form of the verb "be" (am, is, are) followed by the phrase "going to" and the infinitive form of the main verb.

Plans: When using "be going to" to talk about plans, we are referring to intended or premeditated actions that the speaker has already decided or arranged to do. Here are some examples:

- I **am going to** travel to Europe next month.
- They **are going to** have a party on Saturday.
- She **is going to** study medicine in college.

In these examples, the speaker has made a decision or arrangement to travel, have a party, and study medicine in the future.

Predictions: "Be going to" can also be used to express predictions based on current evidence or situations. In this case, we are talking about what we believe or expect will happen in the future. Here are some examples:

- It looks like it**'s going to** rain later today, those clouds are very dark.
- I think he**'s going to** win the competition, he's playing really well.
- They **are going to** be late for the meeting, there's a lot of traffic.

In these examples, the speaker is making predictions about the future based on observable evidence or personal belief.

It is important to note that "be going to" is often accompanied by adverbs or time expressions to provide more context or indicate the timeframe of the planned or predicted event. For example:

- We **are going to** visit our grandparents next week.
- She **is** definitely **going to** pass the exam.

Additionally, "be going to" can also be used in **questions** and **negative** forms by adding the appropriate form of the verb "be" and the word "not" before "going to". For example:

- **Are** you **going to** attend the party?
- They **are not going to** buy a new car.
- He **is not going to** win the race. He is exhausted!



Be going to (plans/predictions) exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer.

1. Are you going to _____ the new movie tomorrow?
a) watch
b) watched
c) watching

2. They _____ to Paris next summer for a holiday.
a) going
b) are going
c) is going

3. We _____ a new house next year.
a) buying
b) are buy
c) are going to buy

4. _____ you _____ the concert with us this evening?
a) Are / going to attend
b) Do / attend
c) Is / attending

5. He _____ his best friend after work today.
a) is going to meets
b) are going to meet
c) is going to meet

6. The weather forecast says it _____ heavily in the afternoon.
a) is going to rains
b) is going to raining
c) is going to rain

7. I think she _____ her exam because she studied hard.
a) is going to pass
b) are going to pass
c) going to pass

8. The company _____ a new product next month.
a) is going to launch
b) launched
c) going to launch

9.They _____ a surprise party for their mum's birthday.
a) is goings throw
b) are going to throw
c) going to throw

10. I'm sure he _____ the first prize in the singing competition.
a) does winning
b) is going to win
c) are going to win

Be going to (plans/predictions) exercise 2:

Complete the sentences with the correct form of 'be going to' + the verb in brackets.

1. I _____(prepare) you a surprise for your birthday.

2. We _____(not meet) our friends at the beach tomorrow.

3. It _____ (be) really hot in the afternoon.

4.We _____ (cook) a delicious meal tonight.

5. The football manager _____ (retire) at the end of the season.

6. She _____ (not attend) the conference next week.

7. It _____ (snow) in the mountains tomorrow.

8. We _____ (not have) a party on Saturday.

9. I _____ (start) a new job next month.

10. They _____ (volunteer) at the local shelter this weekend.

Be going to: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. a) watch
2. b) are going
3. c) are going to buy
4. a) Are / going to attend
5. c) is going to meet
6. c) is going to rain
7. a) is going to pass
8. a) is going to launch
9. b) are going to throw
10. b) is going to win

Exercise 2

1. am going to prepare / 'm going to prepare
2. are not going to meet / 're not going to meet
3. is going to be / 's going to be
4. are going to cook / 're going to cook
5. is going to retire / 's going to retire
6. is not going to attend / 's not going to attend
7. is going to snow / 's going to snow
8. are not going to have / 're not going to have
9. am going to start / 'm going to start
10. are going to volunteer / 're going to volunteer