

Going to-Future

Be + going to+ infinitive verb

We use the **going to** form to talk about the future. The **going to** form is thought to be less formal than the **will** future tense. Below are a few examples explaining how we use **going to** in the future.

We use it to talk about:

- o future plans that were previously made.
- o and to make predictions about the future based on evidence.

Examples:

Future plans

These examples show definite plans for the future that were made in the past.

- o I am **going to** look for a new job.
- o She is **going to** start English lessons next month.
- o We are **going to** Florida for July 4th. We have plane tickets!

Predictions

These predictions can be made because there is prior knowledge that the future event may happen.

- o I hear thunder. It's **going to** rain.
- o I study for my exam all night. I'm **going to** get a good grade!
- o John is **not going to** eat the food. He doesn't like pork.

How to make the **going to** future form.

Making the future form in this tense is easy. See structure below.

| Subject | Be | Going to + infinitive verb |
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| I | am | going to work. |
| He/ she/ it | is | going to work. |
| You/ we / they | are | going to work. |

The negative form is: I am **not going to** work.

Change the order for the **question form**. The sentence begins with the verb "to be".

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| Am | I | going to work? |
| Is | he/ she/ it | going to work? |
| Are | you, we, they | going to work? |

Long answer form examples.

Am I going to work tomorrow?

-Yes, I am going to work tomorrow.

-No, I am not going to work tomorrow.

Short answer form examples.

Affirmative

Yes, I am
Yes, he is.
Yes, we are.
Yes, they are.

Negative

No, I am not.
No, he is not.
No, we are not.
No, they are not.

Contractions

We can use contracted forms for the **going to future** as we do in other grammar tenses.

Affirmative contractions

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| I'm going to |
| You're going to |
| He's going to |
| She's going to |
| It's going to |
| We're going to |
| They're going to |
| *I'm not going to |
| You aren't going to |
| He isn't going to |
| She isn't going to |
| It isn't going to |
| We aren't going to |
| They aren't going to |

Negative contractions

*There is only one way to contract for the subject “I”

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| I'm not going to |
| You're not going to |
| He's not going to |
| She's not going to |
| It's not going to |
| We're not going to |
| They're going to |

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