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Idiomatic Future

here is no one 'future tense' in English. There are 4 future forms. The one which is used most often in spoken English is 'going to'.

We use 'going to' when we want to talk about a plan for the future.

- I'm going to see him later today.
- They're going to launch it next month.
- We're going to have lunch first.
- She's going to see what she can do.
- I'm not going to talk for very long.

Notice that this plan does not have to be for the near future.

- When I retire I'm going to go back to Barbados to live.
- I'm going to be boss of my own successful company In ten years time.

We use 'going to' when we want to make a prediction based on evidence we can see now.

- Look out! That cup is going to fall off.
- Look at those black clouds. It's going to rain soon.
- You look very tired. You're going to need to stop soon.

We can replace 'going to go' by 'going'.

- I'm going out later.
- She's going to the exhibition tomorrow.

Positive & Negative Sentences

The positive and negative structures for **Be Going To** are as follows:

Positive	Negative
I am going to	I am not going to
You are going to	You are not going to
He is going to	He is not going to
She is going to	She is not going to
It is going to	It is not going to
We are going to	We are not going to
You are going to	You are not going to
They are going to	They are not going to

Questions with BE GOING TO

Questions are formed by changing the order of the subject and the verb BE:

Affirmative	You	are	going to	win the race.			
	Subjec t	BE	GOING TO				
Question	Are	you	going to	win the race?			
	BE	Subjec t	GOING TO				

You are going to be sick if you eat that. (Positive sentence)

Are you going to be sick if you eat that? (Question)

We are going to take orange juice to the party. (Positive sentence)

Are we going to take orange juice to the party? (Question)

Form of *going to* Future

	positive	negative	question
I	I am going to speak.	I am not going to speak.	Am I going to speak?
you / we / they	You are going to speak.	You are not going to speak.	Are you going to speak?
he / she / it	He is going to speak.	He is not going to speak.	Is he going to speak?

The following people are about to do something. Write positive sentences in *going to* future.

1.	What does she need the telephone for?	
	→ (she / call / her boyfriend)	
2.	Why are they wearing sport suits?	
	→ (they / play / squash)	
3.	Why has Fiona bought chocolates?	
	→ (She / visit / her grandma)	
4.	Why do you need a map?	
	\rightarrow (we / walk / in the mountains)	
5.	What do you need the cloth and the bucket for?	_
	\rightarrow (we / wash / the car)	
6.	Why are you running about with the toothbrush?	
	\rightarrow (I / brush / my teeth)	
7.	Why is daddy not coming with us?	
	→ (he / repair / the car)	
8.	Hurry up!	
	→ (they / light / the bonfire)	
9.	Why are all these tapes on the table?	
	→ (we / learn / Greek)	
10.	What do you need the pen for?	
	→ (I / write / some postcards)	