



Future Tense "Will" versus "Be Going To"

Tutee Lesson

STEP 1: Assessment

- What are the differences between “will” and “be going to”?

Useful Expressions

- How do you say _____ in English?
- Could you repeat, please?
- I don't understand.

STEP 2: Theory

- In the list below there are three uses of the future tense. Place the correct use (just the letter) of the future tense beside the appropriate example in the chart.
 - a prediction
 - a spontaneous action (decided at the moment of speaking)
 - a planned action

Use	Will	Be Going To
	It will snow tomorrow.	It is going to snow tomorrow.
	xxx	A: Do you want to go out for lunch today? B: Sorry, I can't. I am going to have lunch with my mother today.
	A: It's cold in here. B: Yes, it is. I will turn up the heat.	xxx

STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercise.

EXERCISE 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of "will" or "be going to" and explain your choice.

1. A: Why did you buy all those chocolate chips?

B: I (make) _____ chocolate chip cookies this afternoon.

2. A: There is no coffee left.

B: Are you sure?

A: Yes.

B: Okay, I (buy) _____ some when I do the groceries.

3. In 2100, there (be) _____ 10 billion people in the world.

4. Billy: Mom, the chain on my bike is broken.

Mom: Okay, I (fix) _____ it tonight.

Two hours later

Dad: Billy's chain on his bike is broken.

Mom: Yes, I (fix) _____ it tonight.

STEP 4: Production Task

EXERCISE 2: Answer the questions orally.

1. What are your plans for ...?
 - after this tutoring session
 - tonight
 - next summer
2. What do you say when...?
 - your mother says the dishwasher needs emptying.
 - a friend tells you a secret.
 - your father tells you that you have used up almost all the gas in the car.

STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn?
- What are the different uses of “will” and “be going to”?

Tutor Note

- Ask, “how do you say” questions with the new vocabulary the tutee doesn’t mention.

Important

- Write down the words you learned today and study them.