



STUDENT TUTOR ENGLISH PROGRAM

Future Tense "Will" versus "Be Going To"

Tutor Annotated 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
a	It will snow tomorrow.	It is going to snow tomorrow.
c	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.
b	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) *am going to make* chocolate chip cookies this afternoon. *a planned action*

2. A: There is no coffee left.

B: Are you sure?

A: Yes.

B: Okay, I (buy) *will buy* some when I do the groceries. *a spontaneous decision*

3. In 2100, there (be) *will be* 10 billion people in the world. *a prediction - both "will" and "be going to" can be used*

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

Mom: Okay, I (fix) *will fix* it tonight. *a spontaneous decision*

Two hours later

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

Mom: Yes, I (fix) *am going to fix* it tonight. *a planned action*

STEP 4: Production Task

EXERCISE 2: Answer the questions orally.

1. What are your plans for ...?

- after this tutoring session
- tonight
- next summer

I am going to ...

I am going to ...

I am going to...

planned action

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.

I will ...

I will ...

I will ...

a spontaneous action

STEP 5: Final Review

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

Important

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

Tutor Note

- Ask, "how do you say" questions with the new vocabulary the tutee doesn't mention.

"be going to"

"will"

"be going to" and "will"

- a planned action

- a spontaneous action

- a prediction