

# LET'S EXPLORE THE FUTURE

## USING THE AUXILIARY *TO BE* TO DESCRIBE THE FUTURE

### DID YOU KNOW??

When we describe actions in the future, we can use the auxiliary *will*.  
But we can also use another method, similar to the "futur proche" in French  
(ex: *je vais t'appeler ce soir*). Here is the structure we need to use:

*TO BE in the simple present (am/is/are) + going to + verb*

| Subject    | Verb TO BE | Going to | Verb  | Object (Rest of the question) |
|------------|------------|----------|-------|-------------------------------|
| I          | am         | going to | brush | my teeth before I go to bed.  |
| You        | are        | going to | eat   | at the restaurant tomorrow.   |
| Patrick    | is         | going to | learn | Spanish in school next year.  |
| We         | are        | going to | relax | on the beach next summer.     |
| My parents | are        | going to | clean | the house this weekend.       |

We can use contractions: *I'm going to call you tonight!*  
*He's going to visit Boston next week.*

There is also another form of contraction that we can use, but not in a written text.  
We can use it **only when we speak English**:

Examples: *I'm going to call you tonight.* → *I'm gonna call you tonight!*  
*He's going to visit Boston next week.* → *He's gonna visit Boston next week.*

**1. Read the following sentences written in the future with the auxiliary *will*. Rewrite them using the structure *to be (am/is/are) + going to + verb*.**

a) My sister will receive a new digital music player for her birthday.

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b) It will be a very exciting activity!

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c) You will have a substitute teacher tomorrow.

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**2. Write different things you will do in the future. You can vary the structure in your descriptions (*will* or *to be + going to + verb*).**

a) Tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_

b) Next week, \_\_\_\_\_

c) Next month, \_\_\_\_\_

d) Next year, \_\_\_\_\_