

# 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.

*My sister is going to receive a new digital music player for her birthday.*

b) It will be a very exciting activity!

*It is going to be a very exciting activity.*

c) You will have a substitute teacher tomorrow.

*You are going to have a substitute teacher tomorrow.*

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, *I will meet with the class online.*

b) Next week, *I am going to bake bread.*

c) Next month, *I will bike around the city.*

d) Next year, *I am going to teach new students.*

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## USING THE NEGATIVE FORM IN THE FUTURE

DID YOU KNOW? 

**With the auxiliary will**

I will not wash the car next weekend.  
 You will not paint this wall.  
 We will not go skiing tomorrow.

**With to be + going to + verb**

I am not going to listen to you!  
 He is not going to run the marathon.  
 They are not going to believe me!

### CONTRACTIONS

I won't wash the car this weekend.  
 You won't paint this wall.  
 We won't go skiing tomorrow.

I'm not going to listen to you!  
 or I'm not gonna listen to you! (when speaking)  
 He's not going to run the marathon.  
 or He's not gonna run the marathon. (when speaking)

1. Write three things that you, your family or your friends will not do in the next few days. Use the two types of negative forms explained at the top of the page in the future.

- a) I will not go to the store tomorrow.
- b) Cedar and Flynn are not going to see
- c) I will not go for a run tomorrow. their

2. Answer these questions with a complete sentence.

a) Will you go to school tomorrow?

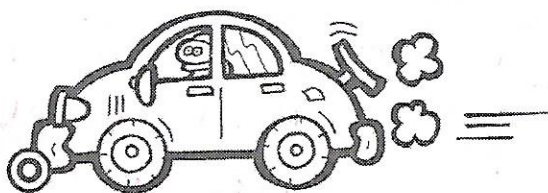
No, I will not go to school tomorrow.

b) Are you going to have a Mathematics exam next week?

No, I am not going to have a Math exam

c) When are you going to drive a car for the first time?

I am going to drive a car



when I get my driving permit.