

## The future continuous tense: ...going to...

A decision was made in the past to do something in the future

Past

*I'm going to do it*

Now

Future

The future using 'going to' is formed using 'subject + to be + going to + infinitive'.

Subject +	To be+	Going to +	infinitive	
Mealea	is	going to	study	English.
The students	are	going to	have	a party.
We	were	going to	travel	by train.
Liliana	was	going to	babysit	on friday.
Eric's		going to	visit	his sister.

There are two uses for ... going to...

1. We use 'going to' when we intend or plan to do something some time in the future.

We can make positive or negative statements.

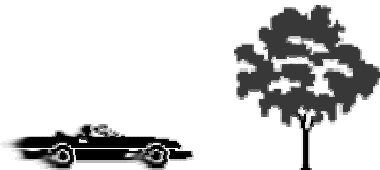

**Positive:** He's going to work next week. Or **Negative:** He's not going to work next week.

We can ask closed questions (the answers are yes, no or single word or a few words) or open questions (need to explain, a longer answer).

**Closed:** Is he going to work next week? Or **Open:** What is he going to do on Sunday?

2. We also use 'going to' when we can see that something is certain or likely to happen.

For example:-

 <p>Watch out! He's going to crash!</p>	 <p>Let's not go out, it's going to rain.</p>
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