

Teen Link

**CAPRICORN** 22/12 - 19/1You **will get** some unexpected money.
(Look in the pockets of that jacket you haven't worn for months!)**AQUARIUS** 20/1 - 18/2Your aunt **is going to give** you a present on your birthday this month!
(A pair of bright green woolly socks!)**PISCES** 19/2 - 20/3Good news! Your Dad **will buy** you a new BMX bike. (Some day!)**ARIES** 21/3 - 19/4Your mark in the next Maths test **will be** 10. (Out of 20!)**TAURUS** 20/4 - 20/5You're **going to meet** a man in a white coat next week. (He's your dentist!)**GEMINI** 21/5 - 21/6Everything shows that your luck **is going to change**. (For the worse!)**CANCER** 22/6 - 22/7Don't eat so much chocolate! You'll **get fat**!**LEO** 23/7 - 23/8You work very hard! One day **you'll be** rich and famous! (Only joking, ha, ha!)**VIRGO** 24/8 - 22/9You'll **win** the lottery. (Sometime in the next 80 years...)**LIBRA** 23/9 - 23/10You're **going to see** your favourite star today! (On TV!)**SCORPIO** 24/10 - 23/11You're **going to catch** a cold, soon! (Close that window!)**SAGITTARIUS** 24/11 - 21/12You'll **buy** a big house and a hotel! (In a Monopoly game!)

Affirmative Full form Short form

I			
he/she/it	will	'll	leave
we/you/they			

Negative Full form Short form

I			
he/she/it	will not	won't	leave
we/you/they			

Question

Will	I		
	he/she/it		leave?
	we/you/they		

Affirmative Full form Short form

I	am	'm	
he/she/it	is	's	going to leave
we/you/they	are	're	

Negative Full form Short form

I	am not	'm not	
he/she/it	is not	isn't	going to leave
we/you/they	are not	aren't	

Question

Am	I		
Is	he/she/it		going to leave?
Are	we/you/they		

A

Will

We use **will**:

- ▶ to make a prediction about the remote, indefinite future.
Life will be very different in 50 years.
- ▶ to give a promise or to offer help to someone.
I'll be here at 10.00. I'll carry these books for you.
- ▶ for decisions taken at the moment of talking.
The phone is ringing. I'll answer it.

B

Going to

We use **going to**:

- ▶ if we are referring to future plans, something we are planning or have decided to do in the future. In such circumstances, we have planned something and are almost certain it will be done.
I'm going to buy a computer next month.
- ▶ if we know that something is likely to happen in the future because there is something in the present (i.e. an indication) which points in that direction.
Hurry up! We're going to miss the bus!

C

Present continuous

We use the **present continuous**:

- ▶ to refer to something we have already decided to do in the immediate/near future.
When we use the **present continuous**, we wish to emphasize that we are **absolutely sure** that the act we are referring to is going to happen.
I am leaving for Spain tomorrow.
- ▶ Compare the sentences:
I'll travel to London one day. (There is a possibility but it is not certain that such a thing is going to happen in the future).
I'm going to travel to London next month. (I have planned it. I intend to do it and I am almost certain it will happen).
I'm leaving for London tomorrow. (I have bought a ticket and I am ready to leave. I am absolutely certain it will happen).

Grammar practice

I Form the questions.

- 1 She'll help us. *Will she help us*
- 2 He's going to sell his house.
- 3 They're leaving for Paris tomorrow.
- 4 She's going to have a party next week.
- 5 They'll move to Germany.
- 6 He'll be famous one day.
- 7 She's flying to Oslo tonight.

2 Complete using *will* and a verb from the box.

call carry give help open wash

- 1 Mark: I can't do this exercise.
Jenny: Don't worry. I will help you.
- 2 Peter: It's really hot in here.
George: I the window.
- 3 Ann: This bag is really heavy.
Michael: I it for you.
- 4 Stanley: Did you call Peter?
Leslie: Oh, no. I forgot. I him now.
- 5 Tom: I can't find my red pen.
Kate: It's OK. I you mine.
- 6 Mary: I'm really tired.
Helen: You can go to bed. I the dishes.

3 Complete using *will* or *going to*.

- 1 Jenny: I've got a terrible headache.
Chris: I will get (get) you an aspirin.
- 2 Paul: I can't come to the concert next Sunday.
Kate: Why?
Paul: I (visit) my grandparents.
- 3 Martha: Did you buy a present for John's birthday?
Gill: Oh, no. I forgot. I (do) it tomorrow.
- 4 Mark: We haven't got any bread.
Lisa: Really? I (buy) some.
- 5 Peter: What are your plans for this summer?
Nicola: I (spend) my holidays in Africa!
- 6 Jim: Your car is really old!
Lee: I (buy) a new car next year! I haven't got any money now!

Tip

In Exercise 2, we can use *going to* only in sentences referring to plans or things we have planned to do in the future.

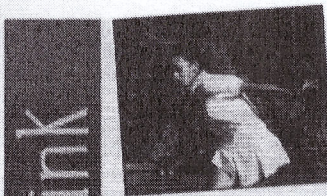
I am going to have a party next Saturday. (Something we have planned for the future).
I'll help you with your homework. (We offer help).

4 Complete with *present continuous*.

- Stanley: Hey, Leslie (1) are you doing (you / do) anything tomorrow morning?
Leslie: Why?
- Stanley: We (2) (go) on a picnic. Would you like to come?
Leslie: I can't. I'm very busy tomorrow. At 11.00, I (3) (meet) Angela at the library. We've got a History project for Monday.
- Stanley: You can come later.
Leslie: No, I can't. After lunch I (4) (help) Mum with the housework. Uncle Bob (5) (come) to see us. He always visits us on Sundays.
- Stanley: Your uncle (6) (not / come) tomorrow.
Leslie: Why not?
Stanley: Because tomorrow is Saturday not Sunday!
And you (7) (come) with us!

5 Correct the mistakes. Then rewrite the sentences.

- 1 It's raining this afternoon. There are clouds in the sky.
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It's going to rain this afternoon. There are clouds in the sky.
- 2 I can't come with you tomorrow. I'll go to the cinema with Mike.
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- 3 Ahh... I'm travelling to Hawaii one day.
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- 4 Look out! The branch is breaking! You'll fall!
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- 5 I'm sorry Dad. This isn't happening again. I promise.
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- 6 We've bought the tickets and packed our suitcases. We'll leave tomorrow.
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6 Complete with *will*, *(be) going to* or *present continuous*.

Liz Stanfield: Our very own champion!

by Leslie Banks

We all know her face. We see her at school everyday, and in a few days (1) we are going to see (see) her on the tennis court. Liz has won the Cup twice! Now she's getting ready to win her third Cup.

Leslie: What do you think about the game next week?

Liz: I (2) (train) very hard and I (3) (do) my best on the day of the game.

Leslie: (4) (you / continue) your career as a tennis player after school?

Liz: Yes, I am. I (5) (study) Sports Science at university, too.

Leslie: What are your plans for the future?

Liz: One day I (6) (open) a tennis school and I (7) (give) free lessons to children with real talent from poor families.

Leslie: What are your plans for this summer?

Liz: I (8) (spend) two weeks with my parents in Spain. I haven't had a holiday for nearly two years!

Writing practice

7 Write.

- Write about three things which you have arranged for tomorrow morning. Use *present continuous*.
Tomorrow
- Now write about your plans for the next school holiday. How are you *going to* spend it?
Next summer
- What are your plans for the future? Do you think that you will be famous one day?
One day

Oral practice

Now you can do oral activity 8 (*Teacher's Resource File*).