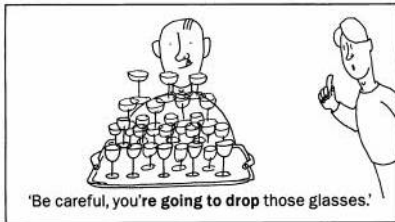


1 When you know that something will happen in the future, you use the present simple or the present continuous:

The next train arrives at 11.30. We're having a party next week.

2 When you are predicting what will happen, you use *will* or *going to*:

The weather tomorrow will be warm and sunny. I think it's going to rain.

3 When you use facts or events in the present situation as evidence for a prediction, you normally use *going to*:**4** When something is clearly going to happen very soon, you use *going to* for a warning:**5** When you are making a promise or an offer, you use *will*:

I'll ring you later tonight. I'll come round and help you later.

6 When you are telling someone about a decision you have made, you normally use the present continuous or *going to*:

I'm going to stay at home to night. I'm going to do some work.

When you are talking about a decision someone else has made, you normally use *going to*:

She's going to write you a letter. They're going to call in and see us.

7 When you are telling someone about a decision you have just made, you normally use *will*:

Ken lives near here. I think I'll go and see him.

A: Did you know it's Winnie's birthday? B: Really? Thanks. I'll send her a card.

A Match these sentences:

- 1 It's very cold.
 2 The children are really tired.
 3 I feel awful.
 4 She's bought a new dress.
 5 Oh dear, I've missed my train.
 6 There's a big queue.
- a I think I'm going to be sick.
 b I'm going to be late.
 c We're going to have some snow.
 d It's going to be very crowded.
 e They're going to fall asleep.
 f She's going to look very smart.

B Complete these dialogues using will or going to:

- 1 A: Dad, (you/lend?) (1) will you lend me the car next week? Annette and Andy (have) (2) _____ a party and they've invited me.
 B: I'm sorry, your mother and I (see) (3) _____ that new film at the Odeon. We probably (not get back) (4) _____ until ten o'clock.
- 2 A: What (you/do?) (5) _____ this summer?
 B: We haven't decided yet. Perhaps we (share) (6) _____ a house with my parents in the Lake District. They (borrow) (7) _____ a cottage from some friends for a few weeks.
- A: (there/be?) (8) _____ enough room for you and the children?
 B: Oh no. The children (not come) (9) _____. They (take) (10) _____ a trip to Singapore. They (stay with) (11) _____ Andrew's brother for a month.
- A: That (be) (12) _____ exciting. I'm sure they (have) (13) _____ a wonderful time.

C Complete the following using will or going to: