

I'm going to . . .

A

I'm going to do something

I'm going to watch TV tonight.



She **is going to watch** TV tonight.

We use **am/is/are going to . . .** for the *future*:

I am	(not) going to	do . . .
he/she/it is		drink . . .
we/you/they are		watch . . .
am I	going to	buy . . . ?
is he/she/it		eat . . . ?
are we/you/they		wear . . . ?

B

I am going to do something = I have decided to do it; my intention is to do it:

I decided to do it → **I'm going to do it**

past

now

future

- I'm **going to buy** some books tomorrow.
- Sarah **is going to sell** her car.
- I'm **not going to have** breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What **are you going to wear** to the wedding next week?
- "Your hands are dirty." "Yes, I know. I'm **going to wash** them."
- **Are you going to invite** Martin to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (→ Unit 26):

- I **am playing** tennis with Julia tomorrow.

C

Something **is going to happen**

Something **is going to happen** = we can see *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! It's **going to rain**.
(black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh, no! It's 9:00, and I'm not ready.
I'm **going to be late**.
(9:00 *now* and not ready → late)



27.1 What are these people saying?

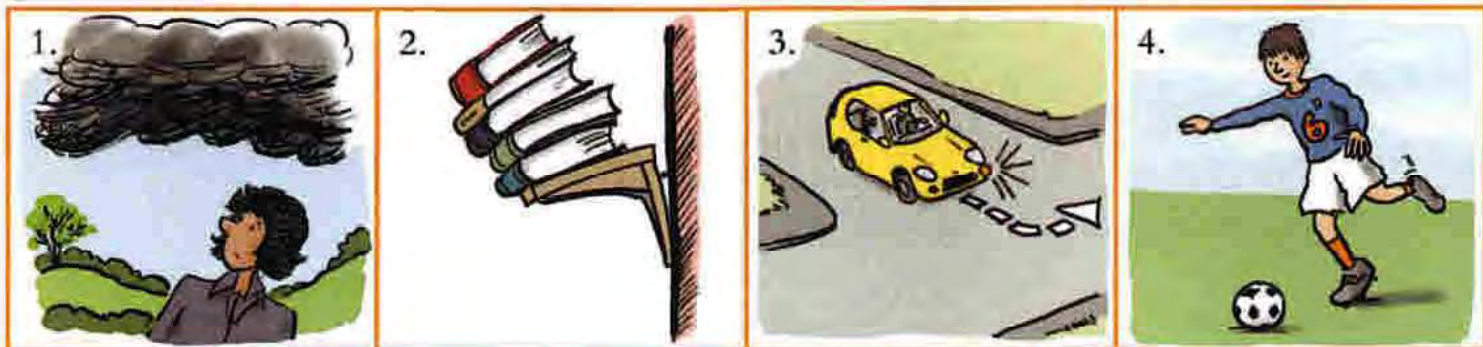


27.2 Complete the sentences. Use **going to** + these verbs:

do eat give lie down stay walk ~~wash~~ watch ~~wear~~

- My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
- What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- It's a nice day. I don't want to take the bus. I _____.
- Steve is going to San Diego next week. He _____ with some friends.
- I'm hungry. I _____ this sandwich.
- It's Sharon's birthday next week. We _____ her a present.
- Sue says she's feeling very tired. She _____ for an hour.
- The president's speech is on television tonight. _____ you _____ it?
- What _____ Rachel _____ when she finishes school?

27.3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- It's going to rain.
- The shelf _____
- The car _____
- He _____

27.4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

- I'm _____
- _____
- _____