Future Simple & Be Going to

GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

Why do we use Future Simple *(will)*?

Future Simple (*will*) expresses spontaneity. We use it to talk about decisions made at the moment of speaking. They are usually spontaneous decisions, such as offers, promises or threats. We also use it to talk about predictions without any evidence, such as hopes or assumptions. It is very common to make up sentences with *'I think...'* or *'I don't think...', 'I'm sure...', 'I expect...' 'I bet...'* .

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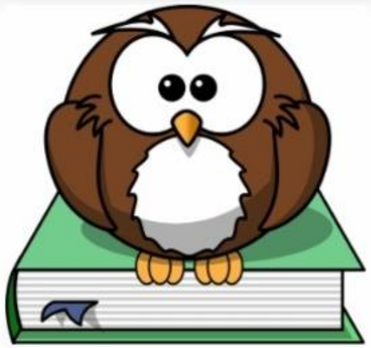

Spontaneous decision examples...

This blue t-shirt looks good on me. I think I'**ll buy** it. *(A decision made at the moment of speaking.)*

I'**ll help** the old lady cross the street. *(A decision made at the moment of speaking.)*

Hey, It's really cold inside. I'**ll turn on** the heating. *(An offer)*

I'**ll kill** you! *(A threat)*

I'**ll** always **love** you. *(A promise)*

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Prediction examples...

I think Robots **will play** an important role in the future.

I don't think it'**ll be** an interesting design.

I hope she'**ll pass** all her exams.

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In English, we can also use '***shall***' to make offers or suggestions. It's mainly used with '***I***' and '***we***'.

for example...

Shall I help you with your maths homework? *(a suggestion)*

Shall we go to the cinema? *(an offer)*

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Why do we use '*be going to*' future?

We use 'going to' future to talk about predictions based on what we can see. Also, we use it to talk about plans and intentions. They are premeditated thoughts.

Prediction with an evidence examples...

There is a banana skin on the floor. Someone **is going to fall**.

There are black clouds. It'**s going to rain**.

Maggie and Tom **aren't going to finish** the test on time. There are only two minutes left.

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Plan/Intention examples...

I'**m going to travel** around the world when I retire.

I'**m going to buy** a new suit. I need one.

Sheila **is going to have** a holiday in Turkey next year.

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Remember that we can also use future simple to make predictions. However, we do not have any evidence with future simple tense predictions. They are just our thoughts or intuition. We can be very sure of our predictions although it may not happen. We usually use 'I'm sure.., I think…,I don't think…,I hope… or probably'.

For example..

- He'll probably fail in the test.
- I think it'll be rainy tomorrow.
- I'm sure we'll win the game.
- She probably won't accept any orders now.

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How do we form future simple?

We use **will** and **the base form verb** for all personal pronouns. The short form is '***ll***.In negatives we use "**won't**" and **the base form verb** again for all personal pronouns.

For example...

- I'**ll make** some sandwiches.
- He **won't make** some sandwiches.

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How do we form 'going to'?

We use the forms of "to be" (**am/is/are**) and **going to** and **the base form verb**. We use 'am' for I; 'are' for you,we,they; 'is' for he,she,it.

For example...

- I **am going to learn** a new language.

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- You **are going to learn** a new language.
- He/She **is going to learn** a new language.
- It **is going to be** hungry.
- We **are going to learn** a new language.
- They **are going to learn** a new language.

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