



Mini Lesson 033 - The Difference Between 'Will' and 'Going to'

Explanation:

Both *will* and *going to* are used to talk about future actions, but they are used in different situations.

- **Will** is used for:

- **Predictions** (things we think will happen):

Example: *I think it will rain tomorrow.*

- **Spontaneous decisions** (made at the moment of speaking):

Example: *I'm thirsty. I'll get some water.*

- **Offers and promises:**

Example: *I'll help you with your homework.*

- **Going to** is used for:

- **Plans and intentions** (something already decided before the moment of speaking):

Example: *I'm going to visit my grandparents next weekend.*

- **Evidence-based predictions** (when we see something about to happen):

Example: *Look at those clouds! It's going to rain soon.*

Structure:

- **Will:** Subject + will + base form of the verb

- Example: *She will finish the project tomorrow.*

- **Going to:** Subject + am/is/are + going to + base form of the verb

- Example: *We are going to visit the museum.*





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using either *will* or *going to* based on the context.

1. I feel really tired. I _____ (take) a nap.
2. They _____ (move) to a new apartment next month.
3. Look at the sky! It _____ (rain) soon.
4. I forgot my lunch. I _____ (buy) something at the cafeteria.
5. We _____ (have) a big party for her birthday.
6. I think they _____ (win) the match.
7. She _____ (visit) her grandparents next weekend.
8. He _____ (help) you carry the boxes.

Section 2: Choose the Correct Option

Select either *will* or *going to* to complete the sentences.

1. She is going to study abroad next year. (prediction based on a plan)
2. I'm sure you _____ (will/going to) pass the exam!
3. Watch out! That car _____ (will/is going to) crash into the tree!
4. We _____ (will/are going to) have dinner at 8 PM tonight.
5. I think I _____ (will/am going to) have a sandwich for lunch.





Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences, using either *will* or *going to* to match the given context.

1. The phone is about to fall off the table! (Use *going to*)
2. I'll finish my homework before dinner. (Use *will*)
3. We're planning to travel to Italy next summer. (Use *going to*)
4. I just remembered! I'll call Sarah right now. (Use *will*)
5. I see dark clouds. It will rain soon. (Use *going to*)

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks in the conversation using *will* or *going to*.

A: What are you doing this weekend?

B: I _____ (go) to the beach with my family.

A: Sounds fun! I think I _____ (stay) home and relax.

B: Oh no! It looks like it _____ (rain) later today.

A: Really? In that case, I _____ (bring) an umbrella just in case.

B: Good idea! I _____ (pack) my raincoat too.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. I *will* take a nap.
2. They *are going to* move to a new apartment next month.
3. It *is going to* rain soon.
4. I *will* buy something at the cafeteria.
5. We *are going to* have a big party for her birthday.
6. I think they *will* win the match.
7. She *is going to* visit her grandparents next weekend.
8. He *will* help you carry the boxes.

Section 2:

1. She *is going to* study abroad next year.
2. I'm sure you *will* pass the exam!
3. Watch out! That car *is going to* crash into the tree!
4. We *are going to* have dinner at 8 PM tonight.
5. I think I *will* have a sandwich for lunch.

Section 3:

1. The phone *is going to* fall off the table!
2. I *will* finish my homework before dinner.
3. We *are going to* travel to Italy next summer.
4. I'll call Sarah right now.
5. It *is going to* rain soon.

Section 4:

1. I *am going to* go to the beach with my family.
2. I think I *will* stay home and relax.
3. It looks like it *is going to* rain later today.
4. I *will* bring an umbrella just in case.
5. I *will* pack my raincoat too.

