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## Mini Lesson 049 - Future Intentions with 'Be About To'

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### Explanation:

The phrase **"be about to"** is used to express actions that are going to happen in the very near future, often immediately or very soon. It suggests a strong intention or likelihood of something happening in the near future.

### Form:

- **Subject + be (am/is/are) + about to + base verb**

- Example: \*I am about to leave.\* (Meaning: I am going to leave very soon.)

### Negative Form:

- **Subject + be (am/is/are) + not + about to + base verb**

- Example: \*She is not about to quit her job.\* (Meaning: She is not intending to quit in the near future.)

### Question Form:

- **Be (am/is/are) + subject + about to + base verb?**

- Example: \*Are you about to start the meeting?\*

 (Meaning: Will the meeting start soon?)

## Exercises

### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct form of **"be about to"**:

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for the airport.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (start) her presentation.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a decision about the job offer.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you any minute now.





### Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences in the Negative Form

Rewrite the following sentences using the negative form of **"be about to"**:

1. She is about to quit her job.
2. We are about to leave the party.
3. He is about to go to the gym.
4. They are about to announce the winner.
5. The train is about to depart.

### Section 3: Change the Sentences into Questions

Turn the following sentences into questions using **"be about to"**:

1. She is about to leave for work.
2. They are about to finish their homework.
3. He is about to start cooking dinner.
4. We are about to take a walk.
5. I am about to send the email.

### Section 4: Choose the Correct Answer

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ about to start the meeting.  
A. is  
B. are  
C. am
  
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ about to take a shower.  
A. is  
B. are  
C. am





3. \_\_\_\_\_ you about to call her?

- A. Is
- B. Are
- C. Am

4. She \_\_\_\_\_ about to leave the office.

- A. are
- B. is
- C. am

5. We \_\_\_\_\_ about to go to the store.

- A. am
- B. is
- C. are

#### Section 5: Correct the Mistakes

Find and correct the mistakes in the following sentences:

1. He am about to start his new job.
2. Are they about going to the party?
3. She is about starting her new book.
4. We is about to leave the house.
5. I am about to sends the message.

#### Section 6: Complete the Sentences

1. I am about to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They are about to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. She is about to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We are about to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He is about to \_\_\_\_\_.





### Section 7: Create Your Own Sentences

Write your own sentences using **"be about to"** based on the following prompts:

1. (leave / for school)
2. (start / presentation)
3. (call / my friend)
4. (go / to the gym)
5. (make / a decision)

### Answers

#### Section 1:

1. We are about to leave for the airport.
2. She is about to start her presentation.
3. They are about to watch a movie.
4. I am about to make a decision about the job offer.
5. He is about to call you any minute now.

#### Section 2:

1. She is not about to quit her job.
2. We are not about to leave the party.
3. He is not about to go to the gym.
4. They are not about to announce the winner.
5. The train is not about to depart.

#### Section 3:

1. Is she about to leave for work?
2. Are they about to finish their homework?
3. Is he about to start cooking dinner?
4. Are we about to take a walk?
5. Am I about to send the email?





**Section 4:**

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. C

**Section 5:**

1. He **is** about to start his new job.
2. Are they about **to go** to the party?
3. She is about **to start** her new book.
4. We **are** about to leave the house.
5. I am about to **send** the message.

**Section 6:**

1. I am about to leave for work.
2. They are about to take their exams.
3. She is about to finish her report.
4. We are about to go shopping.
5. He is about to call his boss.

**Section 7:**

1. I am about to leave for school.
2. She is about to start her presentation.
3. I am about to call my friend.
4. He is about to go to the gym.
5. They are about to make a decision.

