



Mini Lesson 059 - Making Predictions with 'Will' and 'Going to'

Making predictions is an essential part of communication. We often predict future events using 'will' or 'going to.' Each of these forms has its specific uses:

Using 'will':

- We use 'will' for spontaneous decisions, promises, or predictions based on opinions or what we think.
- Example: I think it will rain tomorrow.

Using 'going to':

- We use 'going to' for plans or intentions and when we have evidence about something that is likely to happen.
- Example: Look at those dark clouds! It is going to rain.

Structure:

- Affirmative with 'will': Subject + will + base verb
 - Example: She will travel to Europe next summer.
- Negative with 'will': Subject + will not (won't) + base verb
 - Example: He won't finish his homework tonight.
- Questions with 'will': Will + subject + base verb?
 - Example: Will you join us for dinner?
- Affirmative with 'going to': Subject + is/am/are + going to + base verb
 - Example: They are going to visit their grandparents this weekend.





- Negative with 'going to': Subject + is/am/are + not + going to + base verb
- Example: I am not going to watch that movie.

- Questions with 'going to': Is/Am/Are + subject + going to + base verb?
- Example: Are you going to attend the concert?

Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using 'will' or 'going to' with the correct verb in parentheses.

1. I think it _____ (be) a great day for a picnic.
2. She has a test tomorrow; she _____ (study) now.
3. They _____ (not like) the movie based on the reviews.
4. We _____ (visit) grandma this Sunday.
5. Look at those children! They _____ (fall) if they are not careful.
6. I promise I _____ (help) you with your homework later.
7. Are you _____ (come) to the party on Saturday?

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using 'will' or 'going to' for predictions.

1. I think she is going to win the competition.
- I think she _____ (win) the competition.
2. It looks like they are planning a trip.
- It looks like they _____ (plan) a trip.
3. We intend to start our project next week.
- We _____ (start) our project next week.
4. He is going to finish his painting soon.
- He _____ (finish) his painting soon.





5. The weather suggests it will be sunny tomorrow.

- The weather suggests it _____ (be) sunny tomorrow.

Section 3: Choose the Correct Option

Circle 'will' or 'going to' to complete each sentence.

1. I think it (will / going to) rain tonight.
2. She (will / going to) clean her room this weekend.
3. Look at that dog! It (will / going to) jump into the pool!
4. They (will / going to) start the meeting at 10 AM tomorrow.
5. I promise I (will / going to) call you later.

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks using 'will' or 'going to' with the verb in parentheses.

A: What do you think the weather will be like tomorrow?

B: I think it _____ (be) sunny.

A: That sounds great! I _____ (go) to the park.

B: Can I join you?

A: Of course! We _____ (have) a lot of fun!





Answers:

Section 1:

1. will be
2. is going to study
3. will not (won't) like
4. are going to visit
5. are going to fall
6. will help
7. going to come

Section 2:

1. I think she will win the competition.
2. It looks like they are going to plan a trip.
3. We will start our project next week.
4. He is going to finish his painting soon.
5. The weather suggests it will be sunny tomorrow.

Section 3:

1. will
2. is going to
3. is going to
4. will
5. will

Section 4:

1. will be
2. am going to go
3. will have

