


## Talking About the Future!

“Will”	“Going To”
make predictions	make predictions
make promises or offers	talk about plans already made
talk about a decision made at that moment	talk about something about to happen
used with words like “I think,” “I hope,” “I guess,” “probably”	

# WILL vs. GOING TO

WILL

- Express future actions decided at the moment of speaking** (immediate decision)  
E.g: I'll have salad now.
- Express a prediction based on personal opinions or experiences**  
E.g: I think United **will** win the game.
- Express a future fact**  
E.g: The sun **will** rise tomorrow.




GOING TO

- Express future plans decided before the moment of speaking** (prior plans)  
E.g: I'm **going to** visit my aunt next Friday.
- Express a prediction based on present evidence**  
E.g: Look at those black clouds. It **is going to** rain.
- Express that something is about to happen**  
E.g: Get back! The bomb **is going to** explode.

**Both Will and Going to can be used for making future predictions without having a real difference in meaning.**

E.g: I think it **will** be foggy tomorrow. = I think it **is going to** be foggy tomorrow.



I will = I'll

Examples:

I will see you on Monday. = I'll see you on Monday.

I will run three times a week. = I'll run three times a week.

He will help me move. = He'll help me move.

We will find a way. = We'll find a way.

I'm going to = I'm gonna (spoken/informal)

Examples:

I'm going to go to the store. = I'm gonna go to the store.

We're going to visit our friends. = We're gonna visit our friends.

He's going to travel to Greece. = He's gonna travel to Greece.

“I look forward to” + verb + “ing”    OR    “I look forward to” + noun

Examples:

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

I look forward to my trip to Mexico.

I look forward to going home soon.

I look forward to our date.

I'm excited to / I'm excited for\*\*

Examples:

I'm excited to see you tomorrow!

I'm excited to watch the movie!

I'm excited for the concert!

I'm excited for our vacation!

I can't wait to / I can't wait for\*\*

Examples:

I can't wait to see you tomorrow.

I can't wait for this delicious dinner.

I can't wait to go home.

I can't wait for quarantine to be over.

(\*\*Note - use “to” before a verb and “for” before a noun.)