



Linguaspectrum Typescript

Be Going To and Will

Predictions

Be going to and **will** can both predict.

Quickly, or we'll miss the ferry!

Quickly, or we're **going to** miss the ferry!

Use **be going to** with **evidence**.

*She's **going to** have a baby.*

Use **will** with little evidence or when you make a guess.

He'll be rich one day.

Certainties known

Will can be used for future certainties.

*Our anniversary **will** be on a Sunday this year.*

Decisions made

Use **be going to** when the future has been decided.

*We **are going to** York in the summer.*

**We have decided to go to York in the summer.*

Intentions

Will is more formal than **be going to**.

** Informal Conversation*

*What are you **gonna** have, Darling?*

*I'm **gonna** have the chicken.*

** /'gʌnə/ is how **going to** is pronounced in normal speech. It is often written as **gonna**.*

** Formal Conversation*

I'll have the chicken, please.

Commands

Be going to can be used to insist that something is done or not done.

*You're **going to** take your tablet!*

*You're **not going to** forget this lesson, are you!*

Notes

* Not spoken on video.