

SCENE 43 • GRAMMAR

going to, will, won't

Plans and decisions about the future

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Plans and decisions about the future

English has several future tense patterns. Use **be going to** plus base verb for an intention or a plan: **I'm going to write a letter.** Keep **be** in the pattern: **she's going to come, we're going to stay.**

Will plus base verb can express a decision made now or an offer: **I'll help you, I'll look for Milo.** In ordinary speech **I'll, we'll** and **they'll** are common. Negative **will not** contracts to **won't**.

These forms can overlap in everyday use. For practice, use the story context: an existing plan naturally uses **going to**; an immediate offer naturally uses **will**. Do not invent a different form for a male or female speaker.

Form	Example	Meaning
to	I'm going to write a letter.	State an intended plan.
is	She is going to come tomorrow.	Keep the correct be form in a plan.
help	I'll help you.	Make an immediate offer of help.
won't	I won't work tomorrow.	State a negative future decision.
stay	We're going to stay here.	State a plan for our group.
Will	Will you help me?	Ask for help using will.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 I'm going to write a letter.

Meaning: State an intended plan.

2 She is going to come tomorrow.

Meaning: Keep the correct be form in a plan.

3 I'll help you.

Meaning: Make an immediate offer of help.

4 I won't work tomorrow.

Meaning: State a negative future decision.

5 We're going to stay here.

Meaning: State a plan for our group.

6 Will you help me?

Meaning: Ask for help using will.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 I'm going _____ write a letter.

- ☐ A at
- ☐ B to
- ☐ C for

Meaning: State an intended plan.

2 She _____ going to come tomorrow.

- ☐ A am
- ☐ B is
- ☐ C are

Meaning: Keep the correct be form in a plan.

3 I'll _____ you.

- ☐ A to help
- ☐ B help
- ☐ C helps

Meaning: Make an immediate offer of help.

4 I _____ work tomorrow.

- ☐ A don't will
- ☐ B won't
- ☐ C not will

Meaning: State a negative future decision.

5 We're going to _____ here.

- ☐ A stays
- ☐ B stay
- ☐ C staying

Meaning: State a plan for our group.

6 _____ you help me?

- ☐ A Do
- ☐ B Are
- ☐ C Will

Meaning: Ask for help using will.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

to for

I'm going _____ write a letter.

Meaning: State an intended plan.

is are

She _____ going to come tomorrow.

Meaning: Keep the correct be form in a plan.

help helps

I'll _____ you.

Meaning: Make an immediate offer of help.

won't don't will

I _____ work tomorrow.

Meaning: State a negative future decision.

stay stays

We're going to _____ here.

Meaning: State a plan for our group.

Will Do

_____ you help me?

Meaning: Ask for help using will.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 letter. write a going I'm to

Meaning: State an intended plan.

- 2 is to She going tomorrow. come

Meaning: Keep the correct be form in a plan.

- 3 I'll help you.

Meaning: Make an immediate offer of help.

- 4 won't tomorrow. I work

Meaning: State a negative future decision.

- 5 here. going We're to stay

Meaning: State a plan for our group.

- 6 Will help me? you

Meaning: Ask for help using will.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 State an intended plan. You say:

- ☐ A I'm going for write a letter.
- ☐ B I'm going to write a letter.

2 Keep the correct be form in a plan. You say:

- ☐ A She is going to come tomorrow.
- ☐ B She are going to come tomorrow.

3 Make an immediate offer of help. You say:

- (A) I'll help you.
- (B) I'll helps you.

4 State a negative future decision. You say:

- (A) I won't work tomorrow.
- (B) I don't will work tomorrow.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) We're going to stay here. | (A) State an intended plan. |
| (2) I'll help you. | (B) State a negative future decision. |
| (3) Will you help me? | (C) Ask for help using will. |
| (4) I won't work tomorrow. | (D) Keep the correct be form in a plan. |
| (5) She is going to come tomorrow. | (E) State a plan for our group. |

- ⑥ I'm going to write a letter. ⑦ Make an immediate offer of help.