



## Presentation

### going to

You can use *be + going to + infinitive* to talk about intentions or plans for the future:

*I'm going to stay single.*

*I'm never going to get married.*

### Affirmative and negative

|                 |              |          |              |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| I               | 'm / 'm not  | going to | get married. |
| He / She / It   | 's / isn't   |          |              |
| You / We / They | 're / aren't |          |              |

### Question

|        |     |                 |          |               |
|--------|-----|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| (When) | Am  | I               | going to | invite Harry? |
|        | Is  | he / she / it   |          |               |
|        | Are | you / we / they |          |               |

### Present continuous

You can use the present continuous to talk about arrangements in the future:

*Paula and I are getting married on May 1st.*

*I'm meeting Harry tomorrow night at eight.*

### Present continuous or going to?

You can use either form to talk about plans and arrangements in the future:

*We're playing tennis tomorrow.*

*We're going to play tennis tomorrow.*

When you use the present continuous to talk about the future you normally use a specific future time expression:

*We're playing tennis tomorrow.*

If you don't use a future time expression (or the time is not obvious), the present continuous refers to the present time:

*We're playing tennis tomorrow. (= future)*

*We're playing tennis. (= now at the moment of speaking)*

### go and come

You normally use the verbs *go* and *come* in the present continuous, not with *going to*:

*Who's coming to your wedding?* (not *Who's going to come to your wedding?*)

*Who's going to the wedding?* (not *Who's going to go to the wedding?*)

**1 Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use *going to* and the phrases in the box.**

become a firefighter   buy a Ferrari   get married   grow her own food   have a long vacation  
start his diet next week   ~~travel around the world~~   try something exciting



1 He's going to travel around the world.



2 He



3 They



4 She



5 He



6 He



7 She



8 She

**2 Check the sentences where you can use the present continuous without changing the future meaning.**

- 1 We're going to speak to everyone in about an hour. ✓
- 2 I'm going to ask him to call you back. ✗
- 3 Lucinda isn't going to arrive until three.
- 4 Is she going to explain how to answer these questions?
- 5 I'm going to organize my room. I promise I will.
- 6 The children are going to start school at the end of August.
- 7 Everyone is going to meet in the town square at midnight.
- 8 They're going to rebuild that old house.
- 9 Are you going to tell her how you really feel? She needs to know.
- 10 The whole family is going to spend their next vacation on the beach.

**3 Complete these sentences about your plans and intentions for the future.**

- 1 Next week I'm going to .....
- 2 Next month I'm going to .....
- 3 Next year I'm going to .....