

Future Tense – “*will*” and “*going to*”

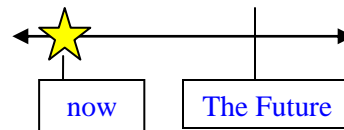
To speak about the future, you can use the following phrases:

- 1) Will
- 2) Going + [infinitive verb]

- 1) Use “*will*” when you are volunteering to do something in the future, or when you are deciding at the time of speaking to do something in the future.



= a decision is made
to do an action in the future.



Example: Okay, if no one else will cook dinner, I will.

In this example, the phrase “*will*” is used because the speaker is volunteering to cook dinner.

Example: Wow, the grass is getting tall. I think I will cut it tomorrow.

In this example, the phrase “*will*” is used because the decision to cut the grass tomorrow is being made at the time of speaking.

Example: Will you marry me?

In this example, the phrase “*Will*” is used because the decision to marry is being made at the time of speaking.

Directions: Create your own sentences using “will”.

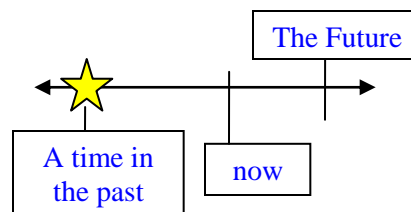
1) _____

2) _____

- 2) Use “*going + [infinitive verb]*” when you have already decided to do something in the future.



= a decision is made
to do an action in the future.



Example: Todd and I are going to eat at the new restaurant tonight. Do you want to come with us?

In this example, the phrase “**going to**” is used because Todd and I have already decided to go to the beach.

Example: After work, James and Nicollet are going to watch a movie.

In this example, the phrase “**going to**” is used because James and Nicollet have already decided to watch a movie after work.

Directions: Create your own sentences using “going + [infinitive verb]”.

1) _____

2) _____

Directions: Circle the correct future tense phrase in the following sentences.

1. I am feeling energetic. So, I think I (will / am going to) wash my car.
2. It has been decided that we (will / are going to) to climb Mount Everest next week.
3. -Who wants to come with me to the movie tonight?
-Oh that sounds fun. I (will / am going to) come with you.
4. We have already made plans for the vacation. We have decided that we (will / are going to) visit Uncle Bill in Montana.
5. Tonight seems like a nice night to be outside. I think I (will / am going to) go for a walk after dinner.
6. -Have you thought about what you want to do after college?
-Yes, I have decided that I (will / am going to) become an engineer.
7. I guess I (will / am going to) help you clean the kitchen if no one else will.
8. My car tires look low on air. I think I (will / am going to) fill them up at the next gas station.
9. The weather man said that it (will / is going to) rain tomorrow.
10. Okay, I have an idea. After we play the game, we (will / are going to) get some ice cream!
11. I think my dad said we (will / are going to) go to the beach this weekend.
12. If the bus (will not / is not going to) start, how will we get to school on time?