

## Unit 37: BE GOING TO

**Going to** is a way to talk about future time. We use the auxiliary verb **be** (Unit 16) before it and the base form (Unit 14) after it.

### 1 Formation

		<b>be</b>	<b>going to</b>	+	<b>BASE FORM</b>
<b>STATEMENTS</b>	She	<b>is</b>	<b>going to</b>		<b>open</b> a Bed and Breakfast.
		<b>I'm really</b>	<b>going to</b>		<b>try</b> hard.
	We	<b>are not</b>	<b>going to</b>		<b>have</b> time to finish.
<b>QUESTIONS</b>	He	<b>wasn't</b>	<b>going to</b>		<b>tell</b> me.
	When	<b>are you</b>	<b>going to</b>		<b>see</b> him?
	What	<b>were you</b>	<b>going to</b>		<b>say</b> ?
		<b>Is he</b>	<b>going to</b>		<b>be</b> at home tonight?

### 2 Use

- a future intention** Marwan says he's **going to be** a hotelier when he grows up.  
(This is what he wants to be.)  
**Are you going to order** room service for dinner?  
NOT *will you*  
**I'm going to speak** to him about it.  
(I have already decided to do this.)  
BUT **I'll speak** to him about it. (I am deciding now.)
- b prediction of the near future** He's **going to have** an accident if he's not careful.  
(He's carrying too many dishes!)  
Oh dear! I think **I'm going to be** sick.  
(I feel a little ill already.)
- c future in the past** I didn't know that you **were going to become** a tour operator.  
(I am surprised that you are a tour operator.)  
**I was going to tell you** the news, but I forgot.  
(It was my intention to tell you.)

**NOTICE:**      **Be going to, or will, or present simple, or present continuous? (Unit 41.)**