



WILL / GOING TO

Functions and examples - WILL

1. We use 'will' to **give or ask for information or facts about the future.**

Her parents **will be** here in about an hour.
All her friends **will come** to her wedding.

2. We use 'will' for **plans or decisions made at the time of speaking.**

"We need some paper for the photocopier." "Okay, I'll **go** and get some."
"What would you like to eat?" "I'll **have** a pizza please."

3. We use 'will' to **predict the future.**

I think it **will rain** tomorrow.
Al Pacino **will win** the award for Best Actor.
Do you think Brazil **will win** the World Cup?

4. We use 'will' to **predict the present.**

Don't phone her now, she'll **be** busy.

5. We use 'will' to **offer to do something.**

I'll **take** you to the airport tomorrow.
That suitcase looks heavy, I'll **carry** it for you.

6. We use 'will' to **agree to do something.**

Okay, I'll **come** with you

7. We use 'will' to **promise to do something.**

I promise I **won't tell** anyone you broke the window

8. We use 'will' to **make requests (or give orders).**

Will you **open** the door for me please?
Will you **marry** me?
Will you **shut up** please?

9. We use 'will' to **refuse to do something or talk about refusals.**

No, I **won't cook** your dinner, you can cook it yourself.
I've asked him but he **won't do** it.

Functions and examples – GOING TO

1. We use *'going to'* for **plans or decisions made before speaking**.

Is John coming home soon? - Yes, I'm **going to meet** him at the airport tomorrow.

I'm **going to watch** TV in a minute, because my favourite programme is on.

2. We use *'going to'* to **predict the future based on present evidence**.

Look at the sky. It's **going to rain** soon.

Germany have just scored. England **are going to lose** again.