

36 Plans and intentions

You can use "going to" to talk about what you want to do in the future. Use it also to talk about specific plans, such as when and where you're going to do something.

- ✿ **New language** Future tense
- ✿ **Vocabulary** Time words and phrases
- ✿ **New skill** Talking about your plans

36.1 KEY LANGUAGE "GOING TO" FOR FUTURE PLANS

Use the verb "to be" with "going to" to say what you plan to do.

I'm **going to** buy a new car.



We are **going to** cook dinner tonight.

"Going to" doesn't change with the subject.

Base form of verb.

Use a time word or time phrase to say when you will cook dinner.



36.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES "GOING TO" FOR FUTURE PLANS

I'm **going to** start this book soon.



Sam's **going to** get fit before his next birthday.



We're **going to** cycle from Boston to Cape Cod next weekend.



I'm **not going to** eat any chocolate this month.



Add "not" after the verb "to be" to make the negative.



36.3 HOW TO FORM "GOING TO" FOR FUTURE PLANS

SUBJECT

"TO BE"

"GOING TO"

BASE FORM OF VERB

REST OF SENTENCE

He

is

going to

buy

a new car.



36.4 FILL IN THE GAPS PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE FUTURE WITH "GOING TO"

Darren and Miki

are going to watch



watch) a movie tonight.

1 I



not eat) sushi for dinner.

2 Debra



get) a new job soon.

3 My friends



cook) a meal for me next week.

4 Manuel



learn) how to scuba dive this summer.

5 We



travel) to Dubai in December.



36.5 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

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The Weekly You

WHAT ARE YOUR RESOLUTIONS?

Exercise more or stop eating chocolate? It's a question many of us ask ourselves as the year ends.

Betty from California makes one resolution every year. "I'm not going to give up smoking," she tells us, "because I did that last time. This year, I'm going to get fit!"

In the US only 8 percent of people keep to their resolutions. Many give up by the end of January.

A lot of people make resolutions, but Australian Joanna Gee makes one resolution for every day of the year. That's 365 resolutions every year.

"I love making resolutions," Joanna says. "This year I'm going to do more unusual things. On June 23 I'm going to climb a mountain, and then on September 30 I'm going to swim with sharks."



Betty has one resolution this year.

True False

1 Betty is going to give up smoking this year.

True False

2 Only 8% of Americans keep to their resolutions.

True False

3 Joanna has a resolution for every day of the year.

True False

4 Joanna is going to climb a mountain on July 23.

True False

5 Joanna is going to swim with dolphins.

True False

36.6 KEY LANGUAGE “BY” WITH TIME WORDS AND PHRASES

“By” followed by a noun or time phrase means something will happen at some point before that time.

I am **going to** paint the house **by** June.



NOW



JUNE



36.7 FURTHER EXAMPLES “BY” WITH TIME WORDS AND PHRASES

You are going to write to the person between now and next weekend.

I am **going to** write to you **by** next weekend.



I am **going to** get fit **by** this time next year.

You are going to get fit by the same date the following year.



36.8 READ JACK’S RESOLUTIONS, THEN WRITE ABOUT THEM USING “GOING TO”

jack’s January Resolutions

- Tidy my house **by** the weekend.
- Paint my bedroom **by** the end of this month.
- Join a gym **by** this time next month.
- Book a vacation **by** the end of March.
- Get fit **by** the summer.
- Buy a new car **by** December.

*He is going to tidy his house **by** the weekend.*

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____



36.9 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

end of are next year. Aziz and Julie get married going to by the

Aziz and Julie are going to get married by the end of next year.

1 by going to buy Tim a October. is new boat

2 are going to on the Sally and Jane vacation go on weekend.

3 next year. by going to write a book I am this time

4 run are tomorrow. a marathon going to We



36.10 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN MATCH EACH PERSON TO THE CORRECT ACTIVITY AND TIME PHRASE

Tom

is going to join a gym

by December.

1 Jack

is going to write music

in the winter.

2 Samantha

is going to buy a new car

by this time next month.

3 Debbie

is going to learn how to cook

before the summer.

4 Joseph

is going to travel more

at weekends.

36 ✓ CHECKLIST

Future tense

Time words and phrases

Talking about your plans