

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
- Aa **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.

Base form of verb.



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

“Going to” doesn’t change with the subject.

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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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.

"Going to" follows the verb "to be."

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 ☐

Aa Time words and phrases ☐



Talking about your plans ☐