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## Grammar Reference

### Future with “will” and “be going to”

“Will” is used to announce a new decision which has just been made.

Example:

It’s very cold here. I’ll **go** and close the window.

“What would you like to drink?” “I’ll **have** an apple juice, please.”

Form:

Subject + will (’ll) + verb (base form) + ...

“Be going to” is used when a decision to do something has already been made. (It’s already a plan.)

Example:

A: I heard that Lisa won \$2000 yesterday. What **is she going to** do with it?

B: She’s **going to** buy a new phone.

Form

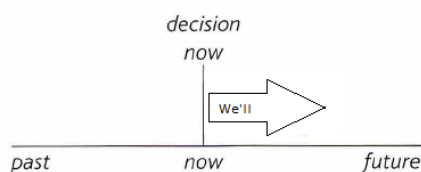
Subject + (am/is/are) + going + to + verb (base form) + ...

Study the difference between “will” and “be going to”:

**Situation 1:** Lisa is talking with David.

Lisa: Let’s have a party.

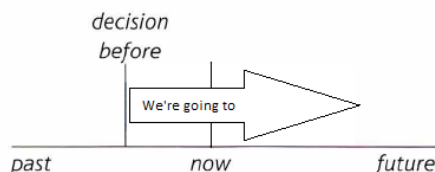
David: That’s a great idea. We’ll invite lots of people.



**Situation 2:** Later that day, David meets Linda.

David: Lisa and I have decided to have a party. We’re **going to** invite lots of people.

Linda: Great!



“Will” and “be going to” can be used to predict future situations.

Example:

I think the weather **will be** nice later. *or* I think the weather **is going to** be nice later.

**Note:** Use “be going to” when something is going to happen based on the situation now.

Example:

Look at those black clouds. It’s going to rain. (*not* It will rain..)