

## Activity Type

Grammar Exercises: labelling, matching, identifying, gap-fill, sentence completion

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions (pair work)

## Focus

'Be going to' for plans and predictions

## Aim

To practice affirmative and negative 'be going to' sentences about plans and predictions.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

30 minutes

## Introduction

This 'be going to' worksheet helps students practice affirmative and negative forms of 'be going to' in sentences about plans and predictions.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

To begin, read through the introduction with the class.

Students then label 'be going to' sentences as a prediction or a plan.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. plan
2. prediction

Next, students match sentence halves to form 'be going to' sentences.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. c
2. h
3. a
4. g
5. b
6. d
7. i
8. e
9. j
10. f

After that, students complete sentences by underlining the correct 'be going to' forms.

Exercise C - Answer key

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. are going to   | 5. am going to     |
| 2. isn't going to | 6. is going to     |
| 3. are going to   | 7. aren't going to |
| 4. is going to    | 8. am not going to |

Students then complete a text with verbs in brackets and the correct form of 'be going to'.

Exercise D - Answer key

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. am going to go    | 8. are going to eat    |
| 2. am going to visit | 9. are going to go     |
| 3. is going to meet  | 10. are going to take  |
| 4. are going to take | 11. am going to buy    |
| 5. are going to stay | 12. are going to spend |
| 6. are going to have | 13. are going to go    |
| 7. are going to swim | 14. are going to have  |

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Following that, students complete sentences with the correct form of 'be going to' + 'take' and an item from a box.

Exercise E – Answer key

1. is going to take an umbrella
2. is going to take sunglasses
3. are going to take a coat
4. am going to take a swimsuit
5. are going to take a book

Finally, in pairs, each student secretly chooses three items to take on holiday from a box. Students then take turns asking their partner 'Are you going to take...?' questions to find the three items.

**We use 'be going to' to talk about plans and predictions.**

A **prediction** (guess) is what you think will happen.

Example: It's going to rain.

A **plan** is what you decide (choose) to do.

Example: I'm going to have pizza for dinner.

**A. Are the sentences a plan or a prediction? Write 'plan' or 'prediction'.**

1. We **are going to visit** the beach in summer. ....
2. The weather **is going to be** sunny this weekend. ....

**B. Match the sentence halves to make 'be going to' statements.**

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Jose and Sam .....          | a. going to give us a test next week.                         |
| 2. My car is dirty. I am ..... | b. going to eat a sandwich for lunch.                         |
| 3. The teacher is .....        | c. aren't going to play football tonight. They are tired.     |
| 4. We are .....                | d. going to sell their car.                                   |
| 5. I am .....                  | e. is going to bring us some more water.                      |
| 6. My parents are .....        | f. is going to rain. Look at the clouds!                      |
| 7. Anna is going to .....      | g. going to visit our grandparents this weekend.              |
| 8. The waiter .....            | h. going to wash it tomorrow.                                 |
| 9. Juan .....                  | i. win the race. She is very fast.                            |
| 10. I think it .....           | j. isn't going to like the party. He doesn't like loud music. |

**C. Underline the correct verb forms in the sentences.**

1. The children *is going to / are going to* have lunch.
2. Sam *doesn't going to / isn't going to* go to school.
3. We *be going to / are going to* watch a film at the cinema tonight.
4. My sister *is going to / are going to* have a baby soon.
5. I *am going to / is going to* have a party on my birthday.
6. My friend *is going to / are going to* buy a new phone.
7. We *isn't going to / aren't going to* take a break.
8. I *not going to / am not going to* tell you the answer.



**D. Complete the text with the verbs in brackets and 'be going to'.**

Next month, I (1) ..... (go) on holiday.

I (2) ..... (visit) my friend Maya. She

lives by the sea. Maya (3) ..... (meet)

me at the bus stop. We (4) ..... (take)

a taxi to her house. We (5) ..... (stay) there for five days. In the

morning, we (6) ..... (have) breakfast at home. In the afternoon,

we (7) ..... (swim) in the sea. In the evening, we (8) .....

..... (eat) dinner with her family. On Tuesday, we (9) ..... (go)

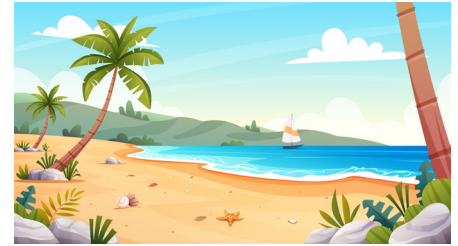
to a small town near Maya's home. We (10) ..... (take) the bus

there. I (11) ..... (buy) some small gifts for my family. On Thursday,

we (12) ..... (spend) a lot of time on the beach. On Friday, we

(13) ..... (go) to a restaurant. We (14) .....

(have) a party because I go home on Saturday.



**E. Complete the sentences with the correct form of 'be going to' + 'take' and an item from the box. Use each item once.**

a coat      sunglasses      a book      an umbrella      a swimsuit

1. It's raining today. Ben .....

2. It's very sunny. Sara .....

3. It's cold at night. We .....

4. We are going to the beach. I .....

5. It's a long bus journey. They .....

**F. In pairs, choose 3 things to take on holiday from the box. Do not tell your partner. Then take turns asking your partner 'Are you going to take...?' questions to find the three things.**

an umbrella      sunglasses      a coat      a swimsuit      a hat      socks      shoes      a phone

Question: Are you going to take...?

Answers: Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.