

# I'm going to . . .

## A

**I'm going to do something**

I'm going to watch TV tonight.



She **is going to watch** TV tonight.

We use **am/is/are going to . . .** for the *future*:

I <b>am</b>		do . . .
he/she/it <b>is</b>	(not) <b>going to</b>	drink . . .
we/you/they <b>are</b>		watch . . .

<b>am</b> I		buy . . . ?
<b>is</b> he/she/it	<b>going to</b>	eat . . . ?
<b>are</b> we/you/they		wear . . . ?

## B

**I am going to do something** = I have decided to do it; my intention is to do it:

I decided to do it → **I'm going to do it**

*past*

*now*

*future*

- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah **is going to sell** her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What **are** you **going to wear** to the wedding next week?
- "Your hands are dirty." "Yes, I know. I'm going to wash them."
- **Are** you **going to invite** Martin to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (→ Unit 26):

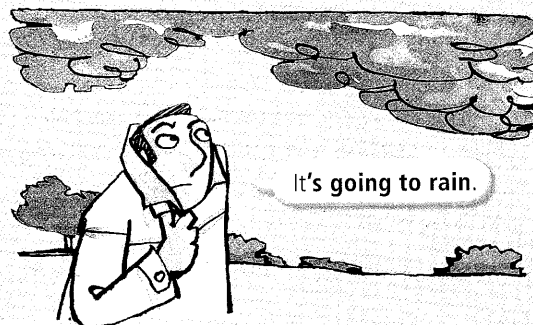
- I **am playing** tennis with Julia tomorrow.

## C

**Something is going to happen**

**Something is going to happen** = we can see *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! It's going to rain.  
(black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh, no! It's 9:00, and I'm not ready.  
I'm going to be late.  
(9:00 *now* and not ready → late)



## 27.1 What are these people saying?

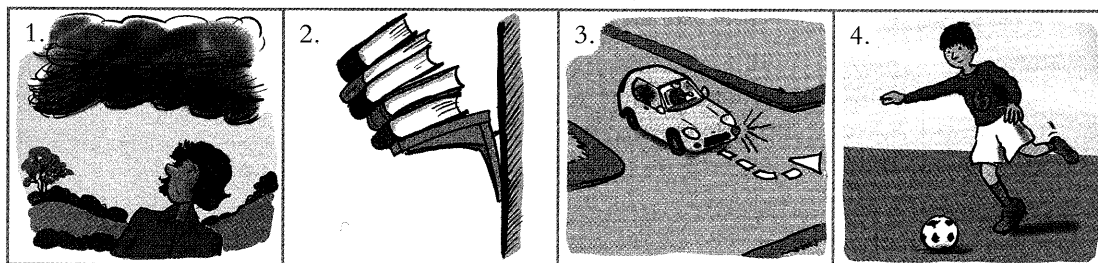


## 27.2 Complete the sentences. Use **going to** + these verbs:

do eat give lie down stay walk ~~wash~~ watch ~~wear~~

- My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
- What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- It's a nice day. I don't want to take the bus. I \_\_\_\_\_.
- Steve is going to San Diego next week. He \_\_\_\_\_ with some friends.
- I'm hungry. I \_\_\_\_\_ this sandwich.
- It's Sharon's birthday next week. We \_\_\_\_\_ her a present.
- Sue says she's feeling very tired. She \_\_\_\_\_ for an hour.
- The president's speech is on television tonight. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ it?
- What \_\_\_\_\_ Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ when she finishes school?

## 27.3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- It's going to rain.
- The shelf \_\_\_\_\_
- The car \_\_\_\_\_
- He \_\_\_\_\_

## 27.4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

- I'm \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_