

Going to, will and present continuous



1 Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

- What have Ruff and Tumble decided to do?
 Buy an aeroplane
 Go on holiday
- What does Splodge suddenly decide to do?
 Buy a T-shirt
 Go to India



GRAMMAR

REMEMBER!

going to is for things that you have decided to do in the future.

- I'm going to go on holiday next week.*
- He's going to book a ticket this afternoon.*
- We're going to buy some travel books.*

2 Write sentences. Use **going to**.

- ▶ Tumble / see Mabel / tomorrow

He *'s going to see Mabel tomorrow.*

- 1 Ruff / buy sunglasses / this afternoon

He

- 2 Splodge / read about India / this evening

He

- 3 I / pack a suitcase / tonight

I

- 4 Mabel / take / them / to the airport / on Monday

She

REMEMBER! 2

will + base verb is for things that you suddenly decide to do. You decide to do them when you speak.

'We're going to go to India.' *'Great! I'll come with you.'*
'It's very cold in here.' *'I'll shut the window.'*

3 Finish these sentences. Use I'll and the verbs below.

make help open get ✓ answer

- ▶ I've got a headache. I'll get you an aspirin.
- 1 I'm thirsty. you a drink.
- 2 The telephone is ringing. it.
- 3 Somebody is knocking at the door. it.
- 4 I've lost my guide book. you find it.

REMEMBER! 3

going to and **will** are both to talk about things in the future. But be careful! Look at the difference:

'I'm going to buy a newspaper. Do you want anything?' (decided earlier)
'Yes, please. I'll have a Mo and Snapper comic.' (decides now)

'I'm going to pack the suitcases tomorrow.' (decided earlier)
'I'll help you.' (decides now)

4 Fill in the gaps. Use going to or will.

- ▶ **Ruff** We *'re going to* go to India.
- Splodge** I *'ll* come with you.
- Tumble** I take my camera.
- Splodge** Good idea! I take mine, too.
- Ruff** I buy a travel book.
- Tumble** I come to the bookshop with you.

REMEMBER! 4

You can use the present continuous to talk about things you've arranged to do *in the future*.

We're flying to India on Monday.
Splodge is visiting a friend this evening.
We're leaving home at four o'clock.

5 Read and circle the verbs that are about the future.

Soon Ruff, Tumble and Splodge are going to India on holiday. Mabel and Mildred are helping them tomorrow. Mabel is driving them to the airport in the afternoon. They're leaving home at four. Then Mildred is looking after their house for a month. She's baby-sitting Splodge's rabbit for him, too.



PRACTICE

6 What are Ruff, Tumble and Splodge going to do?
Look at their list. Write sentences. Use **going to**.

- ▶ They're going to buy some film for their cameras.
- 1
2
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4
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7
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9
10

▶ buy some film for cameras
1 choose some new T-shirts
2 pack the suitcases
3 find the passports
4 get the visas
5 go to the doctor for vaccines
6 read some travel books
7 look at some maps
8 decide which towns to visit
9 tidy the house
10 write instructions for Mabel and Mildred

7 Splodge isn't very good at getting ready to go on holiday.
He's beginning to panic. Mabel and Mildred are helping him.
Read what he says. Write suitable answers. Use **we'll**.
There are some verbs below if you need help.

lend put in feed wash look for shut show ✓
go iron buy mend

Splodge

Mabel and Mildred

- ▶ I don't know where New Delhi is. *We'll show you a map of India.*
- 1 I can't find my passport.
- 2 I can't shut my suitcase.
- 3 I'm scared of the doctor.
- 4 All my T-shirts are dirty.
- 5 I haven't got a sun hat.
- 6 I can't put the film in my camera.
- 7 My safari suit needs ironing.
- 8 My sunglasses are bent.
- 9 I haven't got any swimming trunks.
- 10 Sticky is hungry.

8 Work with a partner. Take turns to say and answer the things below. Partner A, say sentences 1–5. Partner B, say sentences 6–10.

- ▶ I've got toothache.
I can't add $563 + 47$.
 - 1 I'm cold.
 - 2 I don't know where Rome is.
 - 3 I'm hungry.
 - 4 I can't find my pen.
 - 5 The telephone is ringing.
 - 6 I'm thirsty.
 - 7 I can't spell 'dinosaur'.
 - 8 I'm going to the cinema.
 - 9 It's too hot in this room.
 - 10 I feel ill.
- ▶ Partner A *I've got toothache.*
Partner B *I'll ring the dentist.*
OR I'll get you an aspirin.
- Partner B *I can't add $563 + 47$.*
Partner A *I'll do it for you.*
OR I'll get a calculator.

9 Ruff, Tumble and Splodge have got the programme for their holiday in India. What have they arranged to do and see? Read the programme and write sentences. Use the present continuous.

Monday	(▶) fly to New Delhi
Tuesday	(1) board an express train to the town of Dehra Dun
Wednesday	(2) Ruff explores the Himalayan mountains (3) Tumble and Splodge visit Corbett National Park (famous for tigers)
Thursday	(4) drive to a town called Varanasi (5) see the Ganges river
Friday	(6) fly to the town of Agra (7) visit the famous Taj Mahal
Sunday	(8) go to Jaipur and see the Pink City (9) climb up to the Amber Fort (10) feed the monkeys

- ▶ On Monday they're flying to New Delhi.
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10