

The Future

Plans

Intentions

Some details **aren't confirmed**.
I'm **not sure** exactly when, where, who.
It's in my **head**.

be going to / be gonna

What **are** you **going to wear** for the party?
How **are** you **going to celebrate**?
What **are** you **gonna give** her for her birthday?
We **are going to swim** in the sea every day.
I'm **gonna do** my homework later.
I'm **gonna study** Physics at university.
I'm **going to work** really hard this week.
We are **going to rent** a car.
I am **going to practice** English every day

Arrangements

The details **are confirmed**.
I **know** exactly when, where, who with.
It's in my **schedule**.

active verbs - present continuous

I **am going** to London on Monday.
I **am meeting** my friend for coffee tomorrow.
They **are coming back** on Friday.
Arsenal **are playing** Chelsea on Saturday.
We **are having** a party on Sunday afternoon.
Will you **be** at the party on Friday?
Lots of people **will be** there.
I'm afraid I **won't be** able to come to the meeting.

to be - will

Predictions

It's **inevitable** - nothing can stop it

be going to / be gonna

Look at the clouds - it's **going to rain**.
You **are going to have** an hangover tomorrow!
We **are gonna lose**. I'm sure of it.
Be careful! Someone **is going to get** hurt soon.
Sea levels **are going to rise**.

My **opinion** - just an **idea**

will / might

I think it **will rain** tomorrow.
My parents **won't be** happy when they find out.
The USA and Russia **will** never **be** friends.
You **might feel** better tomorrow!
There **might not be** enough food for everyone.

Grading

Intentions - How serious?

I am **going to** write a book one day. **100%**
We are **planning to** visit my parents next month. **75%**
We **are thinking of/about** moving next year. **50%**
I **am not planning to** move abroad. **20%**
We **aren't going to** get married this year. **0%**

Predictions - How likely?*

It **will definitely/certainly** rain tomorrow.
I **will probably** fail the exam.
We **might / will possibly** win the competition.
We **probably** won't see each other again.
They **definitely/certainly** won't be on time.

* Definitely, certainly, probably and possibly are usually used **after will** but **before won't**.

Promises

I **will** always **love** you!

Threats

I **will find** you and I **will kill** you.

Offers

I'll **make** lunch. You need a rest!