

Nuala's Grammar Explanation:

Going to

There are different ways to talk about the future in English. One way of talking about something which you predict is about to happen is to use the phrase 'going to'.

Example:

(Thunder)

Take an umbrella, it sounds like it's going to rain

We use this form when we have some evidence, for example something we see or hear, which lets us predict something that is about to happen or will happen soon.

Example:

(Thunder)

It's going to rain.

In this example you see black clouds, you hear thunder. This tells you from your experience that rain is coming, it's going to rain.

The 'going to' structure is very simple to make. It's the present simple of the verb 'to be', followed by 'going to', followed by the base form of the main verb, that's the infinitive without to.

I've eaten too much, I'm going to be sick.

She's going to have a baby!

Look at that rain! We're going to get wet.

So to recap, we use 'going to' to talk about something we predict is about to happen.

That's all from me, good luck with your grammar challenge.

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Although we use it to talk about the future 'going to' is actually a present form. Our prediction about what is about to happen is based on evidence that we have in the present, for example, what we can see or hear. We see black clouds now, we predict rain for the future.

Subject	to be	going to	base infinitive
I	am 'm	going to	be sick
s / he	is		fall over crash
it	's		rain hurt
you we they	are 're		be late win the match get wet