

Business English Going to for Future Plans Sentence Guessing game

Choose one of the sentences below and tell your partner(s) one thing you are going to do to prepare before you start doing it, e.g. "I am going to buy a desk". They should try to guess which sentence below you are preparing for. If they are wrong, give them another clue, e.g. "I am going to borrow some money off my parents". When they guess which sentence below correctly, switch roles and continue.

You are going to give a presentation in English to the board of directors

You are going to make a telephone call in English

You are going to ask your boss for a pay rise

You are going to ask a colleague to marry you

You are going to start your own company

You are going to take some foreign visitors on a tour of your company

You are going to write a company newsletter

You are going to change departments

You are going to renovate the office

You are going to move out of your company accommodation

You are going to have an interview for a new job in a multinational company

You are going to meet your CEO for the first time

You are going to kill your direct boss

You are going to move desks

You are going to go on a business trip abroad

You are going to work all night

You are going to start an intensive English course

You are going to work in a dangerous area

You are going to start a fire in the warehouse to get the insurance money

You are going to take a long weekend

You are going to go freelance

You are going to sack someone

You are going to give a retirement party for your boss

You are going to cut down your commuting time

You are going to have a Xmas office party

You are going to employ someone who doesn't speak your language

Write more plans (real or imagined) and tell your partner how you are going to prepare and see if they can guess the whole sentence.

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Worksheet 2- Grammar and further practice

Grammar Presentation- Going to

Why do we use “going to” in the sentences above and not “will”?

Which future tense is used for plans, ambitions and goals? Which one is used for predictions about things you cannot change?

Fill the sentences below with “be going to” or “will” (there is one of each in each pair of sentences)

I think Gordon Brown _____ lose the next election

I _____ buy a new car before the end of the year

Next year I _____ to stop smoking

Next year the economy _____ improve faster than this year

Further Practice

Tell your partner what you are going to do to achieve one of your own true plans, goals, ambitions etc. with “going to”, and see if they can guess what your plan is.