FUTURE FORMS

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Be going to + infinitive

1. Future plans and intentions

   For example: My sister is going to adopt a child

2. Predictions

   For example: Miami Heat are going to win. They are playing very well.

   For example: look! I think it's going to rain

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Present continuous: be + verb + ing

1. Future arrangements

For example: Mary and John are getting married in June.



Little difference between the present continuous and be going to for future plans or arrangements

→ You can use both

- Be going to: you have made a desicion
- Present continuous: emphasizes that you have made arrangements



We often use the present continuous with verbs relating to travel arrangements, e.g. go, come, arrive, etc.

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Will + infinitive

1. Instant decision, promises, and offers

   - Instant decision: I'll have the hamburger
   - Promise: I won't tell anybody your secret
   - Offer: I'll close the window for you

2. Predictions and future facts

   - Predictions: You will love Buenos Aires!
   - Future fact: Next year Christmas day will be on Monday

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Shall with I or we+ infinitive

1. Offers and suggestions

   - Offers: Shall I close the window? It's cold outside.
   - Suggestions: Shall we eat out tonight?



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