## I will and I'm going to

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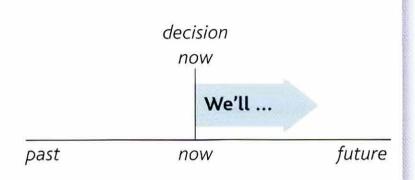
**Future actions** 

Study the difference between will and (be) going to:

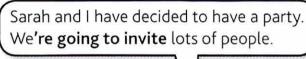




will ('ll): We use will to announce a new decision. The party is a new idea.

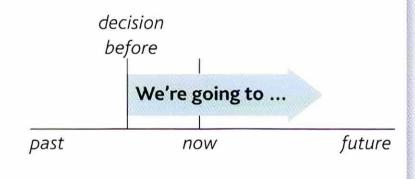


Later that day, Helen meets Dan:





(be) going to: We use (be) going to when we have already decided to do something. Helen had already decided to invite lots of people before she spoke to Dan.



## Compare:

- Gary phoned while you were out.' 'OK. I'll call him back.'
  - 'Gary **phoned** while you were out.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to call him back.'
- ☐ 'Anna is in hospital.' 'Oh really? I didn't know. I'll go and visit her.'
  - 'Anna is in hospital.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to visit her this evening.'

B Future happenings and situations (predicting the future)

We use both will and going to to predict future happenings and situations. So you can say:

- I think the weather will be nice later. or
  - I think the weather is going to be nice later.
- Those shoes are well-made. They'll last a long time. or Those shoes are well-made. They're going to last a long time.

When we say something **is going to** happen, we know this from the situation *now*. What is happening *now* shows that something **is going to** happen in the future. For example:

- Look at those black clouds. It's going to rain. (not It will rain)
  - (We can see that it **is going to rain** from the clouds that are in the sky *now*.)
- I feel terrible. I think I'm going to be sick. (not I think I'll be sick)

(I think I'm going to be sick because I feel terrible now.)

Do not use **will** in this type of situation.