











# Future with *Be going to*: Questions

CAREER PLANS AND GOALS

#### **OUTCOMES**

- · Ask and answer questions with be going to
- · Identify true and false sentences about a reading
- · Answer questions about a conversation
- Discuss pictures and talk about possible events in the future
- · Talk about your plans for the future
- Write an email to your friend with questions about the future

## STEP 1 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

#### **BEFORE YOU READ**

NOCABULARY Study the words. Match the words and phrases.



the news

You are now a sales manager.
Congratulations!



a promotion





a business trip

- \_\_\_\_ 1. information about things happening now
- \_\_\_\_ 2. a higher level job
- \_\_\_\_ 3. travel for work

- a. a business trip
- b. a promotion
- c. the news
- Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A. Then complete the sentences. Circle the words that are true for you.
- 1. I watch / listen to / read the news.
- 2. My friend / co-worker / brother got a promotion last year.
- 3. I often / sometimes / never take business trips.





Read this conversation.

## A Job Offer

TIM: How was your day?

JESSICA: Actually, I had an interesting

call from Dan Evans, the

TV producer.1

TIM: Oh?

JESSICA: He's planning a TV news show,

and he wants me in it.

JEREMY: Cool! What are you going to do

in the show?

JESSICA: I'm going to present the news.

JEREMY: Are you going to accept the

job offer?

JESSICA: I don't know yet.

JEREMY: Is it going to be a big

promotion?

JESSICA: Uh-huh.

JEREMY: What about the salary?<sup>2</sup> Are we

going to be rich?

JESSICA: We didn't talk about money. But I'm sure it's going to be a

raise<sup>3</sup> from my present job.

TIM: Are you going to be away a lot? Are you going to have a

lot of business trips?

JESSICA: I think so.

ANNIE: Don't take the job, Mom. I want you to stay home.

BEN: Yeah. You always help me with my homework. Who's

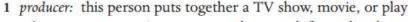
going to help me with my homework? How are you going

to drive me to soccer practice?

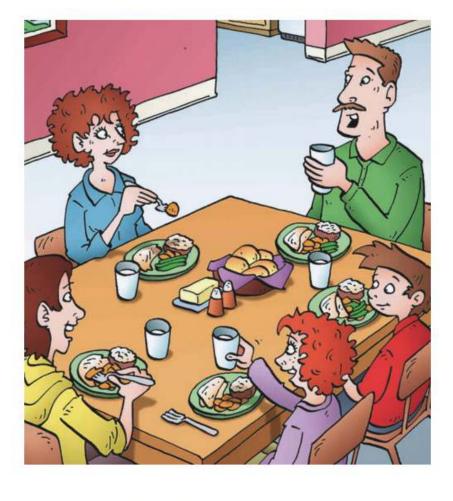
TIM: Hey, guys, I'm still going to be here. I can do those things.

JESSICA: Listen, kids, don't worry. This is all very new. The TV

show isn't going to start for a long time.



<sup>2</sup> salary: pay you receive every month or week from the place you work



<sup>3</sup> raise: more money for your work

#### **AFTER YOU READ**

⚠ COMPREHENSION Look at the conversation again. For each statement, check (✓) *True* or *False*.

- 1. Dan Evans has an idea for a movie.
- 2. Dan wants Jessica to work on a news show.
- 3. Jessica's new job is going to start right away.
- **4.** Jessica is going to get a promotion.
- **5.** Jeremy is unhappy about Jessica's new job.
- 6. Jessica helps Ben with homework.
- 7. Tim drives Ben to soccer practice.
- B Work with a partner. Correct the false statements in A.

Go to MyEnglishLab for more grammar in context practice.

## STEP 2 GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

## FUTURE WITH BE GOING TO: QUESTIONS

Yes/No Questions			
Be	Subject	Going to + Base Form	
Am	I	going to get the job?	
Is	the program	going to start soon?	
Are	we	going to move?	

Short Answe	ers
Yes, you are.	No, you're not. or No, you aren't.
Yes, it is.	No, it's not. or No, it isn't.
Yes, we are.	No, we're not. or No, we aren't.

Wh- Questions				
Wh- Question Word	Be	Subject	Going to + Base Form	
When	are	you	going to start?	
How	are	they	going to get there?	

Short Answers	
Next Monday.	
By bus.	

Wh- Questions About the Subject				
Wh- Question Word	Be	Going to + Base Form		
Who	is	going to help us?		

Short Answers	
I am.	

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#### **GRAMMAR NOTES**

#### Be going to: Yes/No Questions

To make yes/no questions with be going to, put am, is, or are before the subject.

Am I going to have a big part? Is he going to change jobs? Are they going to buy a house?

We usually use **contractions** in negative short answers.

A: Is he going to change jobs? B: No, he's not. or No, he isn't.

**BE CAREFUL!** Do not use contractions with affirmative short answers.

A: Are they going to play soccer this weekend?

B: Yes, they are.

NOT Yes, they're.

#### 2 Be going to: Wh- Questions

To form most wh- questions with be going to, use a wh- question word + be +subject +going to + the base form of the verb.

- A: When is it going to begin?
- B: Next year.

To form a wh- question about the subject, use who or what + is + going to + the base form of the verb.

- A: Who is going to be the producer?
- B: Dan Evans is.

We usually use **short answers** for *wh*- questions with be going to. We can also use long answers.

- A: What are you going to do this summer?
- B: Study Chinese.

- B: I'm going to study Chinese.
- A: Who is going to teach the class?
- B: Professor Chang.

B: Professor Chang is going to teach the class.

REFERENCE NOTES

For definitions of grammar terms, see the Glossary on page 375.

For information on **statements with** *be going to*, see Unit 29 on page 340.

For information on the **pronunciation of** *going to*, see Unit 29 on page 341.



## STEP 3 FOCUSED PRACTICE

#### **EXERCISE 1** DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

JILL: When are you going to start college?

**RUSS**: Next September.

JILL: Are you going to go to a college near your home?

RUSS: No. I'm going to go to an out-of-town college.

JILL: Where are you going to go?

RUSS: I'm going to go to a college in Alaska.

JILL: That's far. What are you going to major in?

RUSS: Math.

JILL: Are you going to work this summer?

RUSS: Yes, I am. I have an interview at the library this afternoon. I'm going to get a job to help pay for college.

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- One is a conversation in A again. Answer the questions. Circle the correct answers.
- 1. What is Russ going to do in September?
  - a. get a job
- **b.** go to college
- 2. Is Russ going to go to a college near home?
  - a. Yes, he is.
- b. No, he isn't.
- 3. Is Russ going to take a lot of math courses?
  - a. Yes, he is.
- **b.** No, he isn't.
- 4. What is Russ going to do in the summer?
  - a. study at the library
- **b.** get a summer job

### **EXERCISE 2** YES/NO QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

GRAMMAR NOTE 1 Complete the conversations. Use the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses.

1. A: Are you going to work next year?

B: No, \_\_\_\_\_\_. I'm not \_\_\_\_. I'm going to study full-time.

2. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_ in June?

B: No, \_\_\_\_\_\_. She's going to graduate next January.

3. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_\_ a promotion?

B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_. He's going to be the head chef.

4. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_ a teacher?

B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_. She's going to start next September.

**5.** A: \_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ for a raise?

B: No, \_\_\_\_\_. I just started this job last month.

6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ their own business?

B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_. They're going to start an online hat business.

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## **EXERCISE 3** YES/NO QUESTIONS

GRAMMAR NOTE 1 Read the sentences. Write yes/no questions with be going to for the future. Use the correct forms of the words in parentheses.

1. John is working today. Is he going to work tomorrow?

(he / work / tomorrow?)

5. It's raining now.

(it / rain / this afternoon?)