Future Forms: Making Plans

Level: B1-B2 Intermediate

Today, we will learn how to use "will", "going to", and the present continuous to make plans and organize a fun community festival together!

Warm-up Questions

Discuss these questions with us:

1. How do you usually plan your weekends?
2. Do you prefer making strict schedules or deciding things at the last minute?
3. Have you ever helped organize a big event or a party for your community?





Grammar Rules: Will, Going to, Present Continuous

We use different future forms depending on how certain or planned an action is.

- **Present Continuous:** We use this for fixed arrangements with a set time and place. (Example: We are meeting the mayor at 3 PM tomorrow.)
- **Going to:** We use this for intentions or plans already made before speaking, or for predictions based on evidence. (Example: We are going to hire a local band.)
- **Will:** We use this for instant decisions, promises, or offers made at the moment of speaking. (Example: The phone is ringing; we will answer it!)



Complete The Sentences

Choose the correct future form (will, going to, present continuous) to complete the sentences:

1. **Look at those dark clouds! It is _____ rain during the festival.**
2. **We _____ (meet) the food vendors tomorrow at 9 AM in the town hall.**
3. **“We ran out of concert tickets!” - “Do not worry, we _____ print more right now.”**
4. **Next year, we are _____ expand the festival to include a parade.**



The Community Summer Festival

Read the scenario with us:

Our town is hosting the annual Summer Festival next month. It is a huge event, and we need to finalize the schedule. However, things are getting complicated! The caterer just canceled, the weather forecast is changing, and the main band is delayed. We need to use our future forms to make quick decisions, state our intentions, and confirm our fixed arrangements to save the festival!



Role-play: Organizing the Event

Let us practice speaking by acting out an event planning scene.

One of you will be the Event Manager, and the other will be the Assistant Coordinator. We will review the problems together and use **"will"**, **"going to"**, and the **present continuous** to fix the schedule. Get ready to save the festival!



Role-play Part 1: The Missing Caterer

Assistant: Bad news! The main food caterer just called. They cannot come next week.

Manager: That is terrible! We are **(going to / having)** thousands of hungry guests.

Assistant: What should we do about the food?

Manager: Do not panic. We have a backup plan. We **(will / are going to)** call the local food trucks right now and ask them to come instead!



Role-play Part 2: The Weather Forecast

Assistant: We have another problem. The forecast says it is **(going to / will)** rain on Saturday afternoon.

Manager: Oh no! But we **(are setting / will set)** up the main stage outdoors on Friday. That is a fixed plan.

Assistant: Should we cancel the outdoor concert?

Manager: No, we **(will / are going to)** move the stage into the indoor sports hall. Let us tell the workers right away!



Role-play Part 3: The Delayed Band

Assistant: The lead singer of the band just messaged us. They **(are arriving / will arrive)** at 6 PM tomorrow instead of 4 PM.

Manager: But the concert starts at 6:30 PM! They are **(going to / will)** need time to set up their instruments.

Assistant: We have a local magician ready backstage.

Manager: Perfect! We **(will / are going to)** ask the magician to perform first to keep the crowd happy. We saved the festival!

Review



Let us review what we learned today:

- We use **present continuous** for fixed arrangements and schedules.
- We use **going to** for plans and intentions decided before speaking, or obvious predictions.
- We use **will** for quick decisions, offers, and promises made in the moment.

“Great job making plans and organizing the festival with us today!”



THANK YOU

You've completed the class!

See you next time.