

Lecture 8

Hello everybody,

Today we will start with a new topic. How do we express ourselves in the future? This is unit 8. In English, we use “going to” and “will” to refer to an action in the future.

I am going to travel to Alexandria next week. I want to meet my friends. So we are going to meet in my place to have some fun. I am going to travel by train.

I am not sure if they are free or not. I think I will call them before we make any plans.

When do we use going to?

When you have a plan, when you know what you are going to do, when you have made a decision, use “going to.”

When you are not sure what you will do, when you have not made a decision, use “will.”

So, it all depends on a decision, if you have decided, use “going to.” If you have not decided yet, use “will.”

When someone asks you, would you like to take tea or coffee, use “will.” Why? Because you have not decided that in advance.

For example, you when you are getting married, you make a plan. So you say:

- I am going to get married next month.

When you speak about something now and you have not made a decision yet, use will:

- I am not sure if I will take tea or coffee.
- **Read this conversation:**
- Jack: Where will you eat today?
- Jean: Mmm, I think I will eat out.
- Jack: What are you going to do tonight?
- Jean: I bought a new book and I am going to read it.

Notice that she says “going to” because she bought the book and she knows what she is going to do. On the other hand, she is not sure that she will eat out – in a restaurant. This is why she uses "will.”

Now, I want you to write two short paragraphs about what you will do in the future.

In the first paragraph, express things that you are sure about using “going to.” Show that you are sure by giving evidence, like I booked a ticket, so I am going to travel. In the second paragraph, express thing you are not sure about. For example, I am not sure if I will go to the faculty next week or not.

Please, post your answers in messages not photos. Post them on Tuesday from 1 to 2 pm.