

Will or (be) Going to?

We can easily get confused about *Will* and *(be) Going to* when we're talking about future situations. They are slightly different in their usage and also in their structure.

Let's start by comparing their usage.

Will

- decisions made at the moment of speaking / instant decisions;
- promises and refusals in general;
- it will take a while from now until the action happens;
- we're not sure (it's pretty common to use it with expressions such as *I think, I don't think, I hope*, etc. and also with *I'm sure, I'm not sure, perhaps*, etc.)

(be) Going to

- decisions made before the time of speaking / planned decisions;
- we imagine a near future based on things we can see now;
- it's not going to take a long time from now until the action happens;
- we're sure that the actions is going to happen

When it comes to the structure of the sentences, there is a huge difference between *Will* and *(be) Going to*. First of all, *Will* works by itself, while *(be) Going to* needs the verb to be. But the actions that comes after them, it's always in the base form.

Subject	+ verb to be	+ going to	+ verb (base form)	+ rest of the sentence
I	am		cook	dinner
You	are		eat	pasta
He	is	going to "gonna"	sleep	early
She			stay	home
It			be	amazing
We	are		read	a book
You			watch	TV
They			run	at the park

Subject	+ will	+ verb (base form)	+ rest of the sentence
I		cook	dinner
You		eat	pasta
He		sleep	early
She	will 'll	stay	home
It		be	amazing
We		read	a book
You		watch	TV
They		run	at the park

Subject	+ verb to be (negative)	+ going to	+ verb (base form)	+ rest of the sentence
I	am not 'm not	going to "gonna"	cook	dinner
You	are not aren't not		eat	pasta
He	aren't 're not		sleep	early
She	is not isn't not		stay	home
It	's not		be	amazing
We	are not aren't 're not		read	a book
You			watch	TV
They			run	at the park

ain't

Subject	Will not	+ Verb (base form)	+ rest of the sentence
I	will not won't	cook	dinner
You		eat	pasta
He		sleep	early
She		stay	home
It		be	amazing
We		read	a book
You		watch	TV
They		run	at the park

Verb to be	+ subject	+ going to	+ verb (base form)	+ rest of the sentence
Am	I		cook	dinner?
Are	You		eat	pasta?
	He		sleep	early?
Is	She	going to	stay	home?
	It	"gonna"	be	amazing?
	We		read	a book?
Are	You		watch	TV?
	They		run	at the park?

Will	Subject	+ Verb (base form)	+ rest of the sentence
	I	cook	dinner?
	you	eat	pasta?
	he	sleep	early?
	she	stay	home?
	it	be	amazing?
	we	read	a book?
	you	watch	TV?
	they	run	at the park?



NOTE: affirmative short answers nunca terão contração; negative short answers sempre terão contração.

Subject verb to be	
I	am. 'm not.
you	are. aren't.
he	're not.
she	is. isn't.
it	's not
we	ain't
you	are. aren't.
they	're not.

Yes,
No,

Subject will	
I	
you	
he	
she	will.
it	won't.
we	
you	
they	

Yes,
No,