



Lesson 14

THE USE OF (I'M) GOING TO (DO)

I. RULES AND EXAMPLES

1. To use **I am going to do** something means I have already decided to do it, I intend to do it:

Examples:

1. A: **Are you going to watch** the late film on TV tonight?
B: No, **I'm going to have** an early night.
2. A: I hear Sarah has won some money. What **is she going to do** with it?
B: She's **going to buy** a new car.
3. **I'm just going to make** a quick phone call. Can you wait for me?
4. This cheese looks horrible. **I'm not going to eat** it.

2. To use **I was going to** (do something) means I intended to do it, but didn't do it.

Examples:

1. We **were going to travel** by train, but then we decided to go by car instead.
2. Peter **was going to do** the exam, but he changed his mind.
3. I **was just going to cross** the road when somebody shouted 'Stop!'

II. EXERCISES

Complete the sentences. Use **going to** + one of these verbs:

Eat do give lie down stay walk wash watch wear

Example: My hands are dirty. _____ wash them.

Answer : My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.

Start here:

1. What _____ to the party tonight?
2. I don't want to go home by bus. I _____.
3. John is going to London next week. He _____ with some friends.
4. I'm hungry. I _____ this sandwich.
5. It's Sharon's birthday next week. We _____ her a present.
6. Sue says she's feeling very tired. She _____ for an hour.
7. There's a good film on TV this evening. _____ you _____ it?
8. What _____ Rachel _____ when she leaves school?

What is going to happen in these situations? Use the words in brackets.

Example: There are a lot of black clouds in the sky. (rain)

_____.

Answer : There are a lot of black clouds in the sky. It is going to rain.

Start here:

1. It is 8:30. Tom is leaving his house. He has to be at work at 8:45, but the journey takes 30 minutes. (late) He _____.
2. There is a hole in the bottom of the boat. A lot of water is coming in through the hole. (sink) The boat _____.
3. Lucy and Chris are driving. There is a very little petrol left in the tank. The nearest petrol station is a long way away. (run out) They _____.

Complete the sentences with **was/were going to** + the following verbs:

Buy give up have phone play travel

Example: We _____ by train, but then we decided to go by car instead.

Answer : We were going to travel by train, but then we decided to go by car instead.

Start here:

1. I _____ some new clothes yesterday, but I was very busy and didn't have time to go to the shops.
2. Martin and I _____ tennis last week, but he was injured.
3. I _____ Jane, but I decided to email her instead.
4. A: When I last saw Tim, he _____ his job.
B: That's right, but in the end he decided to stay where he was.
5. We _____ a party last week, but some of our friends couldn't come, so we cancelled it.

III. WRITING

What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write ten sentences.

IV. FREE TALKING

Describe to your teacher a famous park or recreational area in your hometown or city. Think of at least five things you would like to do in you have the chance to visit that place. Use the "I'm going to" phrase.

