

# I'm going to ...

**A** I'm going to do something

I'm going to watch TV this evening.



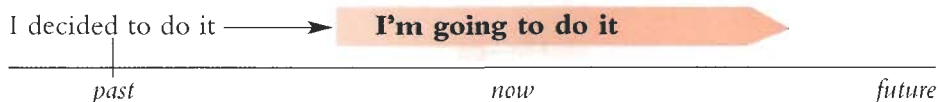
She **is going to watch** TV this evening.

We use **am/is/are going to ...** for the future:

I	<b>am</b>		do ...
he/she/it	<b>is</b>	(not) <b>going to</b>	drink ...
we/you/they	<b>are</b>		watch ...

<b>am</b>	I		buy ... ?
<b>is</b>	he/she/it	<b>going to</b>	eat ... ?
<b>are</b>	we/you/they		wear ... ?

**B** I am going to do something = I have decided to do it, my intention is to do it:



- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah is going to sell her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What are you going to wear to the wedding next week?
- 'Your hands are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to wash them.'
- Are you going to invite Martin to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (→ Unit 25):

- I am playing tennis with Julia tomorrow.

**C** Something is going to happen

Something **is going to happen** = we can see *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! It's going to rain.  
(black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready.  
I'm going to be late.  
(9 o'clock *now* and not ready → late)



## 26.1 What are these people saying?

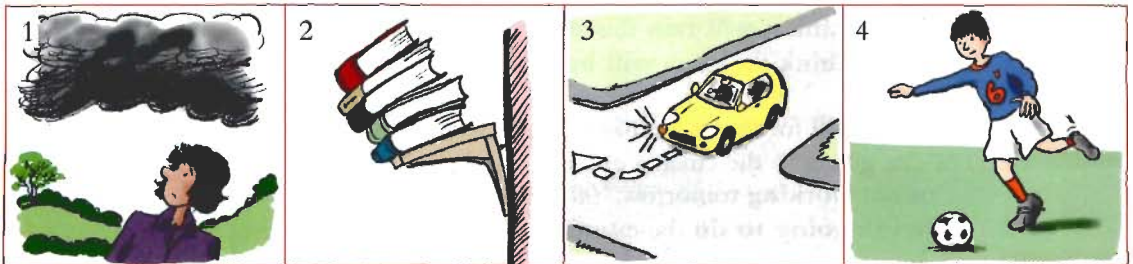


## 26.2 Complete the sentences. Use going to + these verbs:

do    eat    give    lie down    stay    walk    ~~wash~~    watch    ~~wear~~

- 1 My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
- 2 What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- 3 It's a nice day. I don't want to take the bus. I .....
- 4 Steve is going to London next week. He ..... with some friends.
- 5 I'm hungry. I ..... this sandwich.
- 6 It's Sharon's birthday next week. We ..... her a present.
- 7 Sue says she's feeling very tired. She ..... for an hour.
- 8 There's a good film on Channel 6 tonight. .... you ..... it?
- 9 What ..... Rachel ..... when she leaves school?

## 26.3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- 1 It's going to rain.
- 2 The shelf .....
- 3 The car .....
- 4 He .....

## 26.4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

- 1 I'm .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....