

WILL vs. BE GOING TO

will + verb

Subject + will + verb .
Will + subject + verb ?
Wh-word + will +
subject + verb ?

Ex.

I will help you.
Will you help me?
Why will you help me?

USE FOR:

1. Immediate decisions

*I will have the smoked
salmon.*

2. Promises/Intentions

*I will cook dinner for your
birthday.*

3. Threats (you will not)

*You will not be late to work
anymore!*

4. Refusals (I won't)

No, I won't write your report.

5. Offers/Volunteering

I will call the client for you.

Forecasting and Predicting

*We will meet our goal this month.
It's going to rain tomorrow.*

be going to + verb

Subject + am/is/are
going to + verb .
Am/Is/Are + subject +
going to + verb ?
Wh-word + am/is/are +
subject + going to + verb ?

Ex.

I am going to the movies.
Are you going to the
movies?
When are you going to
the movies?

USE FOR:

Pre-Planned Actions

*I am going to travel to France
next year.*

