

Future with “Will” vs. “Be Going To”

Will

Express future actions decided at the moment of speaking (Immediate Decisions)

E.g. I will take a shower now

Express a prediction based on personal opinions or experiences (Predictions without Evidence)

I think we will win the game.

A future fact

The sun will rise tomorrow.

A promise

I promise I won't tell anyone you broke the plates

An offer

I'll take you to the airport tomorrow.

A threat

I'll tell your parents what you did.

A refusal

No, I won't cook your dinner, you can cook it yourself.

Going to

Express future plans decided before the moment of speaking (Prior Plans)

I'm going to visit my grandmother next Friday

Express a prediction based on present evidence (Predictions with Evidence)

Look at those black clouds. It is going to rain

Something is about to happen

Get back! The bomb is going to explode

Both “Will” and “be going to” can be used for making future predictions without having a real difference in meaning.

I think it will be foggy tomorrow

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I think it is going to be foggy tomorrow