



Future Simple: Predictions: Will vs Be Going To

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Look at those dark clouds! It ____ rain.
a) is going to
b) will
c) rains
d) going to
- I think the economy ____ improve next year.
a) is going to
b) will
c) improves
d) going to
- Watch out! That ladder ____ fall!
a) will
b) falls
c) is going to
d) going to
- In my opinion, robots ____ replace many jobs in the future.
a) are going to
b) replace
c) going to
d) will
- She looks very pale. I think she ____ faint.
a) will
b) faints
c) going to
d) is going to
- I believe our team ____ win the championship.
a) will
b) is going to
c) wins
d) going to
- The car is heading straight for the wall! It ____ crash!
a) will
b) is going to
c) crashes
d) going to
- Scientists predict that the population ____ reach 10 billion by 2050.
a) is going to
b) reaches
c) will
d) going to
- Look at the traffic! We ____ be late for the meeting.
a) are going to
b) will
c) are
d) going to
- I'm sure everything ____ be fine. Don't worry.
a) is going to
b) is
c) going to
d) will
- The baby hasn't eaten for hours. I think he ____ be hungry soon.
a) will
b) is
c) is going to
d) going to



Answers

1. a) is going to
2. b) will
3. c) is going to
4. d) will
5. d) is going to
6. a) will
7. b) is going to
8. c) will
9. a) are going to
10. d) will
11. c) is going to
12. d) will
13. d) is going to
14. a) will
15. c) is going to
16. c) will
17. a) is going to
18. d) will
19. d) is going to
20. b) will



Explanations

1. “is going to” (a)

Use 'be going to' when there is present evidence (dark clouds).

2. “will” (b)

Use 'will' for opinions and beliefs about the future (no visible evidence).

3. “is going to” (c)

Present evidence (unstable ladder) = use 'be going to'.

4. “will” (d)

'In my opinion' shows this is a belief, so use 'will'.

5. “is going to” (d)

Looking pale is evidence that she might faint = 'be going to'.

6. “will” (a)

'I believe' indicates an opinion = use 'will'.

7. “is going to” (b)

Visible evidence of imminent event = 'be going to'.

8. “will” (c)

General predictions about the distant future use 'will'.

9. “are going to” (a)

Traffic is present evidence that we'll be late = 'be going to'.

10. “will” (d)

Reassurance based on belief/hope = use 'will'.

11. “is going to” (c)

Use 'be going to' when there is present evidence (hasn't eaten for hours) to predict a future state (will become hungry soon).

12. “will” (d)

Expert predictions about general trends = use 'will'.

13. “is going to” (d)

Position of the vase = present evidence = 'be going to'.

14. “will” (a)

Asking for an opinion = use 'will'.

15. “is going to” (c)

Facial expression = evidence of imminent sneeze = 'be going to'.

16. “will” (c)

'I don't think' expresses a personal opinion or belief about the future, so use 'will'. The speaker is sharing their judgment, not citing direct evidence.

17. “is going to” (a)

Visible action (running) = evidence = 'be going to'.

18. “will” (d)

'I'm certain' = personal conviction = use 'will'.

19. “is going to” (d)

Melting ice = visible evidence = 'be going to'.

20. “will” (b)

Asking for a prediction/opinion = use 'will'.