



Tense Comparison: Will vs Be Going To

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Look at those dark clouds. It ____ rain.
a) will
b) going to
c) is
d) is going to
- A: The phone is ringing. B: I ____ get it.
a) will
b) get
c) am going to
d) am getting
- We ____ move to a new house next month. We've already found one.
a) are going to
b) move
c) moving
d) will
- I think Brazil ____ win the World Cup.
a) is going to
b) will
c) wins
d) is winning
- She ____ have a baby in March. She's already seven months pregnant.
a) will
b) is having
c) has
d) is going to
- Don't worry about the dishes. I ____ do them later.
a) will
b) am going to
c) am doing
d) do
- Watch out! You ____ fall!
a) will
b) are going to
c) fall
d) falling
- I ____ be 30 next year.
a) will
b) am
c) be
d) am going to
- A: There's no milk. B: Oh, I ____ buy some from the shop.
a) buy
b) am buying
c) am going to
d) will
- They ____ get married next summer. They've booked the church.
a) getting
b) get
c) will
d) are going to
- I promise I ____ never tell anyone your secret.
a) am going to
b) will
c) am telling
d) tell

12. Look at that car! It ___ crash!
a) crashes
b) is going to
c) is crashing
d) will
13. Scientists predict that the population ___ reach 10 billion by 2050.
a) is going to
b) reaches
c) is reaching
d) will
14. I ___ study medicine at university. I've already applied.
a) am going to
b) studying
c) study
d) will
15. I ___ probably be late tonight. Don't wait for me.
a) be
b) am going to
c) will
d) am
16. A: Why are you taking your umbrella? B: I think it ___ rain.
a) is raining
b) rains
c) is going to
d) will
17. One day, everyone ___ have a robot at home.
a) has
b) will
c) is going to
d) is having
18. What ___ you ___ this weekend? — I'm visiting my parents.
a) will / do
b) are / going to do
c) do / do
d) are / doing
19. A: I can't do this math problem. B: Give it to me. I ___ help you.
a) help
b) am going to
c) am helping
d) will
20. She ___ start a new job next week. She signed the contract yesterday.
a) starts
b) will
c) is going to
d) starting



Answers

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



Explanations

1. “is going to” (d)

We use 'be going to' for predictions based on present evidence (dark clouds).

2. “will” (a)

'Will' is used for spontaneous decisions made at the moment of speaking.

3. “are going to” (a)

A planned decision made before speaking uses 'be going to'.

4. “will” (b)

'I think' + prediction without evidence uses 'will' for personal opinions.

5. “is going to” (d)

This is certain based on present evidence, so 'be going to' is correct.

6. “will” (a)

This is a promise made at the moment, so 'will' is used.

7. “are going to” (b)

A warning based on what you can see happening uses 'be going to'.

8. “will” (a)

Future facts that will happen naturally use 'will'.

9. “will” (d)

A spontaneous decision in response to new information uses 'will'.

10. “are going to” (d)

A planned event (already booked) uses 'be going to'.

11. “will” (b)

Promises use 'will'.

12. “is going to” (b)

A prediction based on what you can see now uses 'be going to'.

13. “will” (d)

Formal predictions, especially without immediate evidence, use 'will'.

14. “am going to” (a)

A decided plan made before speaking uses 'be going to'.

15. “will” (c)

'Probably' with a prediction uses 'will' for uncertainty.

16. “is going to” (c)

Both 'is going to' and 'will' are correct here. 'Is going to' fits because the speaker already sees signs of rain (they're taking an umbrella). 'Will' also works because 'I think' naturally pairs with 'will' for predictions based on opinion.

17. “will” (b)

General predictions about the distant future use 'will'.

18. “are / going to do” (b)

Both 'are you going to do' and 'are you doing' are correct for asking about weekend plans. 'Be going to' asks about intentions, while Present Continuous asks about arrangements. Both are natural here.

19. “will” (d)

An offer made at the moment of speaking uses 'will'.

20. “is going to” (c)

A definite plan already arranged uses 'be going to'.