



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 20 – I'm going to (do)

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DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING

A

I am going to do something = I have already decided to do it, I intend to do it:

- ❖ EX1: 'Are you going to eat anything?' 'No, I'm not hungry.'
- ❖ EX2: A: I hear Sarah won the lottery. What **is she going to do** with the money?
B: She's **going to buy** a new car.
- ❖ EX3: I'm just **going to make** a quick phone call. Can you wait for me?
- ❖ EX4: This cheese smells horrible. **I'm not going to eat** it.

I'm going to (do)

I'M DOING v.s I'M GOING TO DO

B

I am doing
= it is already fixed or arranged.

For example, you have arranged to go somewhere or meet somebody:

- EX5: **I'm leaving** next week. I've booked my flight.
- EX6: What time **are you meeting** Emily this evening?

I don't know what **I'm doing** tomorrow.
(= I don't know my schedule or plans)

I am going to do something
= I've decided to do it. Maybe I've arranged to do it, maybe not.

- EX7: A: Your shoes are dirty.
B: Yes, I know. **I'm going to clean** them.
(= I've decided to clean them, but I haven't arranged this with anybody)
- EX8: I don't want to stay here. Tomorrow **I'm going to look** for somewhere else to stay.

I don't know what **I'm going to do** about the problem.
(= I haven't decided what to do)

Often the difference is small and either form is possible.

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SOMETHING ABOUT TO HAPPEN

C



To be going to + V còn diễn tả một hành động sắp và khá chắc chắn sẽ xảy ra:

The man isn't looking where he is going.

He **is going to walk** into the wall.

When we say that **'something is going to happen'**, the situation now makes this clear.

The man is walking towards the wall now, so we can see that he is going to walk into it.

- EX9: Look at those black clouds! **It's going to rain.** (we can see the clouds now)
- EX10: I feel terrible. I think **I'm going to be sick.** (I feel terrible now)
- EX11: The economic situation is bad now and things **are going to get** worse.

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WAS / WERE GOING TO DO

D

I was going to do something = I intended to do it, but didn't do it:

- EX12: We **were going to travel** by train, but then we decided to drive instead.
- EX13: I **was just going** to cross the road when somebody shouted 'Stop!'

You can say that 'something was going to happen' (but didn't happen):

- EX14: I thought it **was going to rain**, but it didn't.

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BÀI TẬP NHANH

Select the option which best completes the sentences below:

This cheese smells horrible. I _____ it.

- A. 'm not eating
- B. don't eat
- C. will not eat
- D. 'm not going to eat

I'm going to (do)

TÓM TẮT

1. **I'm going to + V** nói về một hành động / sự việc:
 - đã được quyết định hay dự định sẽ thực hiện.
I don't want to stay here. Tomorrow I'm going to look for somewhere else to stay.
 - sắp và khá chắc chắn sẽ xảy ra
Look at those black clouds! It's going to rain.
2. **I'm V-ing** cũng nói về một hành động / sự việc trong tương lai, nhưng chỉ những hành động đã được sắp xếp, lên kế hoạch sẵn:
 - **I'm leaving** next week. I've booked my flight.
3. **I was going to do something** = I intended to do it, but didn't do it:
 - **I was just going to cross** the road when somebody shouted 'Stop!'