

## Week 4

### Supplementary material

### English for migrant activists

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## “BE GOING TO” VS “WILL”

Both '**be going to**' and '**will**' are used to talk about the future, but they have different uses.

### 1. 'Will' (Future Simple)

- Used for:
  - Promises: *I will help you with your application.*
  - Instant decisions: *I will call the immigration office now.*
  - Predictions (without evidence): *I think the new law will improve conditions for migrants.*
- **Structure:**
  - **Positive:** Subject + will + base verb (*She will apply for asylum.*)
  - **Negative:** Subject + will not (won't) + base verb (*He won't leave his country.*)
  - **Question:** Will + subject + base verb? (*Will they receive help?*)

### 2. 'Be Going To'

- Used for:
  - Plans or intentions: *We are going to organize a protest.*
  - Predictions (with evidence): *Look at the sky! It is going to rain during the march.*
- **Structure:**
  - **Positive:** Subject + be (am/is/are) + going to + base verb (*They are going to move next month.*)
  - **Negative:** Subject + be (am/is/are) + not + going to + base verb (*She is not going to stop fighting for justice.*)
  - **Question:** Be (am/is/are) + subject + going to + base verb? (*Are they going to attend the meeting?*)

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## Examples Related to Migrant Issues

1. *The government will introduce new immigration policies next year.* (Prediction, no evidence)
2. *She is going to apply for a work permit next month.* (Planned action)
3. *I will help you fill out your asylum application.* (Promise)
4. *They are going to protest against unfair wages.* (Planned action)
5. *Look at the crowd! More people are going to join the demonstration.* (Prediction with evidence)
6. *If you don't register soon, you won't get legal status.* (Future consequence)
7. *Are you going to meet with the community leaders tomorrow?* (Future plan)

### Tip:

- Use '**will**' when making a decision at the moment of speaking: *I will talk to the lawyer now.*
- Use '**be going to**' for plans or actions you already decided: *We are going to attend the training session.*

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## Practice Exercises

### A. Fill in the blanks with 'will' or 'be going to'

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (apply) for a visa next year. (Planned action)
2. Look at the news! The law \_\_\_\_\_ (change) soon. (Prediction with evidence)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to the refugee support group now. (Instant decision)
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) until they get legal status. (Planned action)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (help) us with the protest tomorrow? (Future plan)

### B. Choose the correct option

1. If you need support, we (**will / are going to**) assist you.
2. The migrants (**will / are going to**) organize a meeting next week.
3. I think the situation (**will / is going to**) get better.
4. He (**will / is going to**) apply for a work permit soon because he already prepared his documents.
5. I promise I (**will / am going to**) speak up for your rights.

### **C. Discussion Questions**

- What are you going to do to support migrant communities?
- What do you think will happen if more countries accept refugees?
- Can you think of a situation where using 'will' or 'be going to' is important in migrant activism?