

“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?*)

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?