

Correct usage of "will" and "going to"?

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Spoken English is different from written English. While most of us speak casually once we get a hold over the language, it still becomes confusing when we use terms such as will and going to. English is the third most common native language in the world, so you will find different people speaking it differently. Being the [language of communication worldwide](#), it is important to understand the concepts right.



Will/going to

Today, let us understand the correct usage of these terms, often used interchangeably in written and spoken communication.

For example:

I will go to school tomorrow.
I am going to have dinner.

However, both refer to the future tense, there is a slight difference. Sometimes, they can even be used interchangeably with no difference in meaning. Let us find the meaning and the correct usage of it.

Will

Use 'will' when you want to tell about future facts or things that you believe to be true about the future. To be very specific, use will when you are making a decision. In case if you are not sure about the future, use 'will' with expressions, such as 'probably', 'possibly', 'I think', 'I hope'. Will is also used to make an offer, a promise or a threat.

Examples:

- The teacher will scold you for not doing the homework.
- Raina is sure that he will like her.
- Surya believes Karthi will do a better job.
- I will possibly come for the picnic if I get a leave.

Going to

Use 'going to' when you are making a future prediction based on evidence in the present situation. Use it when there are definite signs that something is going to happen or you intend to do something in the future. Use going to after the decision has been made and not before making it.

Examples:

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