

# TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

## Functions:

| Present Continuous  | Be going to  | Future Simple  |
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| <p>To talk about a <b>PLAN</b>:</p> <p><i>They <b><u>are building</u></b> a new bridge in the area.</i></p> | <p>To talk about a <b>PLAN</b>:</p> <p><i>They <b><u>are going to build</u></b> a new bridge in the area.</i></p> <p>To talk about something that is <b>SURE</b> to happen:</p> <p><i>I'm <b><u>going to be</u></b> 20 years old next month.</i></p> <p><i>Look at the black clouds!</i></p> <p><i>It's <b><u>going to rain</u></b>.</i></p> | <p>To talk about an <b>IMMEDIATE DECISION</b>:</p> <p><i>Someone is at the door. I <b><u>will go</u></b> and <b><u>open</u></b> it.</i></p> <p>Usually goes after: <b>think, believe, expect, anticipate, promise, ...</b></p> <p><i>I <b><u>think it will</u></b> rain.</i></p> <p><i>I <b><u>promise</u></b> I <b><u>will not do</u></b> it again!</i></p> |