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A2 · SIGNAL WORDS · ≈ 27 MIN

Signal Words: Going-to Future — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now practise the two going-to signals on paper. New business examples, same logic.

An **intention marker** (plan, intend, we've decided) or an **evidence marker** (Look!, watch out) — both point to going to.

NAME _____ DATE _____

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BRICK 1 · SORT BY SIGNAL FAMILY · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Read each expression. Does it announce a decision made earlier → left column. Does it rest on something visible → right column.

we plan to relocate · I intend to hire · we've decided to postpone · we have agreed on the terms · the plan was set weeks ago · Look at the queue · watch out for the delay · look at those figures · watch the numbers fall · look at this graph

INTENTION MARKER	EVIDENCE MARKER

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE GOING-TO FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Fill the gap with am/is/are going to plus the verb in brackets. The signal in the sentence shows you the way.

01 We've already agreed on the numbers — we _____ (sign) the contract this week.

02 Look at that delivery truck — it _____ (arrive) early today.

03 Our manager intends to restructure — the team _____ (move) to the third floor.

04 Watch out — that stack of files _____ (fall) off the desk!

05 We plan to review the budget — I _____ (prepare) the report tonight.

06 Look at those numbers on the screen — sales _____ (drop) this quarter.

07 We have agreed to expand — the company _____ (open) a second warehouse.

08 Look at the schedule — the meeting _____ (start) in five minutes.

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence hides exactly one mistake with the going-to future. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 We move the factory to Poland next spring.

02 Look at that spreadsheet — it will to crash the server.

03 We intend to expanding the sales team.

04 We already decided — I will send the invoice tomorrow.

05 Watch out — you going to trip over that cable!

06 The phone is ringing — I'm going to answer it.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one sentence for each prompt using going to. Use an intention or evidence marker in every sentence.

01 A fixed plan: "We've decided — we're going to …" — name a project your team has already agreed on.

02 Visible evidence: "Look at …" — describe something you can see right now and draw a prediction from it.

03 A supplier contact: write a sentence with intend or plan about reaching out to a supplier.

04 An office move: write a going-to sentence about an upcoming office move.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I recognise intention markers like plan, intend, we've decided and have agreed.
- ☐ I recognise evidence markers like Look!, watch out and look at those clouds/numbers.
- ☐ I know time words like tomorrow and next week don't decide the tense.
- ☐ I avoid the German traps: present tense plus time word instead of going to, and mapping ich werde onto will automatically.

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **Absichtsmarker** we plan to relocate
"Plan" signals a decision made before speaking.

02 **Absichtsmarker** I intend to hire
"Intend" points to an intention that already exists.

03 **Absichtsmarker** we've decided to postpone
"We've decided" is the classic intention formula — the plan is older than the sentence.

04 **Absichtsmarker** we have agreed on the terms
"Have agreed" shows an arrangement that already stands.

05 **Absichtsmarker** the plan was set weeks ago
The plan has existed for weeks — a clear intention marker.

06 **Beweismarker** Look at the queue
"Look at" points to something visible right now.

07 **Beweismarker** watch out for the delay
"Watch out" warns based on a visible sign.

08 **Beweismarker** look at those figures
The figures are visibly in front of you — an evidence marker.

09 **Beweismarker** watch the numbers fall
"Watch" points to a visible trend.

10 **Beweismarker** look at this graph
The graph is visible — the prediction rests on it.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 we **are going to sign** the contract this week
"We've already agreed" is an intention marker — going to.

02 it **is going to arrive** early today
"Look at that delivery truck" is an evidence marker.

03 the team **is going to move** to the third floor
"Intends to restructure" is an intention marker.

04 that stack of files **is going to fall** off the desk
"Watch out" is an evidence marker — the files are already tipping.

05 I **am going to prepare** the report tonight
"We plan to review" is an intention marker.

06 sales **are going to drop** this quarter
"Look at those numbers" is an evidence marker.

07 the company **is going to open** a second warehouse
"Have agreed to expand" is an intention marker.

08 the meeting **is going to start** in five minutes
"Look at the schedule" is an evidence marker.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 We **are going to move** the factory to Poland next spring.
German present-tense trap: a planned future action needs going to, not the present simple.

02 Look at that spreadsheet — it**'s going to** crash the server.
"Will to" is ungrammatical — will never takes "to".

03 We intend to **expand** the sales team.
"To" is followed by the base form, not the -ing form.

04 We already decided — I**'m going to** send the invoice tomorrow.
"We already decided" reveals an earlier decision — so going to, not will.

05 Watch out — you**'re going to** trip over that cable!
The auxiliary "are" is missing after the subject — going to needs am/is/are.

06 The phone is ringing — I**'ll** answer it.
A decision made at that very moment is spontaneous — that is will, not going to.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that your signal (intention or evidence) fits going to.

01 "We've decided — we're going to redesign the website."
"We've decided" is the clear intention marker.

02 "Look at that inbox — I'm going to be busy today."
"Look at" draws the prediction from something visible.

03 "We intend to call the new supplier next week."
"Intend" shows an intention that is already fixed.

04 "We're going to move to the new office in October."
A fixed plan with a time word — going to.

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