

BE / NOT BE ABOUT

be about to do

if someone is about to do something, or if something is about to happen, they will do it or it will happen very soon.

- Work was about to start on a new factory building.
- We arrived just as the ceremony was about to begin.
- Just as I was about to reply, the internet connection went down.



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not be about to do

1) Used to emphasize that you have no intention of doing something.

- I've never smoked in my life and I'm not about to start now.
- I'm not about to work on this after hours if the deadline isn't until next month.
- I wasn't about to pay \$20 for some junk worth 5 cents.

2) Something will not happen in the very near future

- Appearing on TV might make her famous, but it's not about to make her rich.