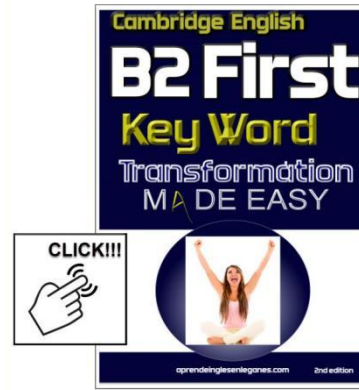


TALKING ABOUT FUTURE PLANS

BE GOING TO VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS



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BE GOING TO

We use “be going to” to talk about future plans or intentions. It implies that the speaker has the intention or plan to do something, but may not have taken any concrete steps to schedule/arrange it yet.

• **I’m going to** go out this weekend.

(I intend to go but have not arranged it yet.)

• **I’m going to** get a new job. *(I intend to get a new job.)*

• **I’m going to** take my driving test next month.

(I intend to do it, but the test has not been scheduled or arranged yet.)

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

We use the present continuous to talk about arrangements or plans that are already scheduled or fixed. It indicates that you have already made plans and arrangements for something in the future.

• **I’m going** out this weekend.

(I’m definitely going out this weekend. I have already arranged to do it. There is a definite time and/or place).

• **I’m getting** a new job. *(It’s already decided /arranged.)*

• **I’m taking** my driving test next month.

(It’s a definite plan. The test has already been scheduled.)