



# Useful Grammar Points 1

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## Grammar Notes

### Be going to & Present Continuous Tense

Don't mix up 'be going to' and the present continuous tense.

We use 'be going to' to talk about future plans.

Ellie **is going to** revise in the library.

(= Ellie planned to do her revision in the library in the near future.)

We often use the present continuous tense to talk about the events that are happening at the moment of speaking.

Ellie **is going** to the library now.

(= Ellie is on her way to the library at the moment.)

Ellie **is revising** in the library now.

(= Ellie is doing her revision in the library right now.)

### Grammar Tip

Sometimes, we can also use the present continuous tense to talk about planned future actions.

e.g. The children are excited because they are visiting the zoo tomorrow.



### Common Errors

✓ I **am cooking** breakfast at the moment.

✗ I **am going to cook** breakfast at the moment.

1. The children are skipping in the playground. Mr Robinson **is taking / is going to take** photos of them now.

2. At the moment, Ken and Rick are singing and dancing. They **are having / are going to have** a party.

**A** Put a tick (✓) in the box next to each correct sentence.

1. Now the students are going to have an English exam.

2. Listen! Someone is singing in the music room.

3. Mum and Dad are watching a film at the moment.

4. Bella wants to keep fit. She is going to do more exercise and eat more fruits and vegetables.

5. Ken is nervous now. He is going to wait for an important phone call.

6. Ellie and Jasper are buying ingredients in the supermarket. They are going to make a cake for Mrs Fan on her birthday.



**B Complete their conversation with the correct form of the given verbs.**

Ellie : Uncle Bob, what ❶ \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?

Mr Fan : I ❷ \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to make some special snacks. Two of my friends ❸ \_\_\_\_\_ (move) into a new house next month. I ❹ \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) their housewarming party. I hope to bring along some special party food and give them a big surprise.

Ellie : Why ❺ \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (chop) the pears now? ❻ \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (make) some dessert or pastries with pears?

Mr Fan : Yes! I ❼ \_\_\_\_\_ (make) some pear cookies and an apple pie. But before that, I ❽ \_\_\_\_\_ (taste) the pears. Oh no! Where is the apple I bought? I remembered placing it together with the pears.

Ellie : Look! Max ❾ \_\_\_\_\_ (play) with the apple!

Mr Fan : Max! You naughty puppy!



Hint: Q8

Which verb form puts more emphasis on a planned action?

**C Answer the following questions in complete sentences with the help of the given words.**

1. What is Bob going to do to stay healthy? (go hiking more often)

Bob is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What are the kittens doing at the moment? (lick each other's feet)

The kittens \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Where are the children going to travel to during the holiday? (Thailand)

The children \_\_\_\_\_ during the holiday.

4. What are class 4A students going to do at the funfair? (sell old toys)

Class 4A students \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Where is Miss Chan now? (mark the exam papers in staff room B)

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