

Will

Hello and welcome to the Grammar Gameshow! I'm your host, Will! – and where there's a will, there's a way! And of course let's not forget Leslie, our all-knowing voice in the sky.

Leslie

Hello everyone!

Will

Tonight we're going to ask you three questions about...

Leslie

Be going to! Those three little words that are followed by a bare infinitive and let us talk about the future.

Will

OK! Now, let's meet our contestants!

Mya

Hello, everyone. I'm Mya!

Will

Contestant number two?

Tom

Hello, everyone. I'm Tom!

Will

Welcome back Mya! This is a hat-trick for you, isn't it?

Mya

Yes. I've won three in a row!

Will

And, do you like hats?

Mya

I hate them.

Will

Good! I wonder what our prize could be. Ok. Let's get going and don't forget you can play along at home too. Our first round is a video round. Watch the video and try to predict what happens next. Well, Mya, what do you think?

Mya

I think he's going to sneeze.

Will

And what about you, Tom?

Tom

I think he's going to yawn.

Will

Let's see who was right... Oh dear. You were both wrong. But if you can tell me why we should use 'be going to' here, I'll give you a point. Fastest finger first!

Mya

It's a prediction based on something you can see at the time.

Will

Leslie?

Leslie

Well done, Mya. 'Be going to' is used to make predictions about the future based on present evidence.

Will

Well done, Mya.

Tom

But that's not fair...where was the evidence that he was going to sing?

Will

It was right there! Let's have a look again. See! One point for you Mya. On to our second question. In what other way can 'be going to' be used to talk about the future?

Tom

Future plans! 'Be going to' can be used to talk about future plans. For example: I'm going to take a holiday next week.

Will

Leslie?

Leslie

Yes. 'Be going to' can be used to talk about future plans. Those are things that the speaker has decided before they talk about them. An example would be, 'One day, I'm going to escape from my box in the sky, and see my family again.'

Will

Not if I can help it Leslie. Well done Tom. Three points to you. Where are you going on holiday by the way?

Tom

I'm not going on holiday. It was an example

Will

Oh dear! Oh no, no, no, no. Minus three points for lying. Everything to play for now guys. On to our final question. In what way can 'be going to' be pronounced in connected or fluent speech? Gonna!

Mya

Oh! Gonna! People say gonna! For example, I'm gonna win this game!

Tom

Oi!

Will

Calm down Tom. It's not your fault she's faster than you. Here's a bonus question. People say 'gonna', but what should they never do except in informal circumstances?

Tom

Write it down.

Will

Well done, Mya! Two right answers! Tell them Leslie!

Leslie

Yes. People often say 'I'm gonna', 'you're gonna', 'he's gonna' in a very informal style, but we don't recommend that you write it down.

Will

Fifty-twelve points to Mya. Well, that brings us to the end of today's Grammar Gameshow. Let's count out the points. And the winner is...Mya with six. Well done! Here's what you've won!

Leslie

It's a hat!

Will

To go with your hat trick! And you said you love hats!

Mya

No, I didn't.

Will

Tom! Bad luck, old friend. Did you have fun?

Tom

You cheated! I want to complain...

Will

Here come the chickens! It looks like we'll need another contestant. Thanks for joining us. Say goodbye, Leslie.

Leslie

Goodbye Leslie!

Will

See you next time.