



Airport Stories

Heathrow airport near London is the busiest international airport in the world. Every day thousands of travellers arrive at Heathrow from many different countries. Every one of them has a different story to tell. We spent an afternoon in the Arrivals Hall at Heathrow last week talking to travellers arriving from abroad. We asked them: Why are you here?



LOOKING FOR A JOB

Rima, 23, from Vilnius in Lithuania

Why are you here?

I'm going to look for a job. Maybe as an au pair, looking after children. And I want to improve my English too, so I can get a better job when I go back home. I hope I can find some work quickly, because I don't have much money.

1 Is this your first visit?

Yes, it is. I'm really looking forward to living here, but I'm a bit nervous too.

2 _____

Six months or a year. It depends how things go.

3 _____

Yes, I have a friend who's working here in a restaurant. I'm going to stay with her for a few weeks until I can find my own flat.

Well, good luck!





A FAMILY REUNION

**Jonathan, 35, just arrived
from Melbourne, Australia**

Why are you here?

I'm going to see my Dad in Wales.
It's his seventieth birthday tomorrow.

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No. It's going to be a big surprise for him. And it's going to be very emotional too. I moved to Australia in 1990, and the last time I saw my Dad was five years ago. It's too expensive to visit very often and my father can't fly – he had a heart operation last year.

5 _____

By train. All the family are waiting at my parents' house. We're going to have a big party there tomorrow night.

6 _____

Yes, for a month. It's too far to come for a short time – and I want to see all my old friends here as well as my family.



ON THEIR HONEYMOON

**Maki, 25, and Koji, 27,
from Nagasaki, Japan**

Why are you here?

We're on our honeymoon. We got married last Saturday.

Congratulations!

7 _____

We're staying at the Hyde Park Hotel.
We're just here for a few days.

8 _____

Everything is organized for us.

Tomorrow we're doing a tour of London on a double-decker bus, and in the evening we're seeing a show. Then on Tuesday we're going to Oxford and Cambridge and on Wednesday we're flying to Edinburgh.

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On Friday. We're going to Paris next, and then to Rome...

Well, have a good time!

READING

- a When was the last time you went to an airport (or station)? Were you meeting someone or going somewhere?
- b Read the magazine article. Complete it with these questions.

- A Do you know anybody here?
- B Are you going to stay for long?
- C Is this your first visit?
- D What are you planning to do?
- E When are you leaving?
- F Does he know you're coming?
- G How are you going to get there?
- H How long are you going to stay?
- I Where are you staying in London?

- c Read the article again and write R (Rima), J (Jonathan), or M (Maki).
- 1 M is going to stay at a hotel.
 - 2 ___ is going to stay at a friend's house.
 - 3 ___ is going to visit a family member.
 - 4 ___ is going to the theatre tomorrow.
 - 5 ___ is only going to be in the UK for four weeks.
 - 6 ___ is going to work.

GRAMMAR *going to*, present continuous

- a Look at the interview with Maki and Koji.
Highlight six present continuous sentences.
Do they refer to the present or the future?

VOCABULARY *look*

a Look at Rima's interview on p.28 again. Find and underline three expressions with *look*. Match them to their dictionary definitions.

- 1 _____ try to find something
- 2 _____ wait with pleasure for something which is going to happen
- 3 _____ be responsible for or take care of somebody or something

b Complete the sentences with *after*, *for*, or *forward to*.

- 1 A nurse is a person who looks _____ people who are ill.
- 2 She's going to New York next month. She's really looking _____ it.
- 3 I can't find my keys. Can you help me to look _____ them?
- 4 I'm not looking _____ the exam – it's going to be very difficult.
- 5 Our house is a bit too small. We're looking _____ a new one.
- 6 Could you look _____ our dog this weekend? We want to go away.

c Write

- something you are looking forward to
- something you often have to look for in the morning
- somebody or something that you (occasionally) look after

GRAMMAR *will / won't* for predictions

a Look at the picture.

Who is the optimist? Who is the pessimist? Which are you?



YOU	THE PESSIMIST
1 We're having the party in the garden.	<i>It'll rain.</i> _____
2 I'm doing my driving test this afternoon.	<i>You won't pass.</i> _____
3 We're meeting Ana and Daniel at 7.00.	_____
4 I'm having my first skiing lesson today.	_____
5 My brother has a new girlfriend.	_____
6 I lent James some money yesterday.	_____
7 I'm going to see a film tonight in English.	_____
8 We're going to drive to the city centre.	_____
9 My team are playing in the cup tonight.	_____
10 I'm catching the 7.30 train.	_____

b Read the YOU phrases. Find THE PESSIMIST'S responses and write them next to the adequate YOU phrase.

He won't pay you back	You'll miss it	You won't understand a word
You won't pass	They'll be late	It won't last
They'll lose	It'll rain	You'll break your leg
You won't find a parking space		

c Look at THE PESSIMIST phrases and answer the questions

1. Do the sentences refer to the present or the future?
2. What are the full words in the contractions 'll and won't

WRITING

a Make a positive prediction, *I'm sure you'll...*, *I'm sure it'll...*, etc.

Your friend says...

- 1 I have an important exam tomorrow.
- 2 I'm getting married next month.
- 3 I'm a bit depressed today.
- 4 I'm going to New York next month.
- 5 I can't go out tonight. I don't have any money.

You say...

Good luck! _____ *I'm sure you'll pass.* _____

Cheer up!

Don't worry!
Congratulations!
That's great! Good luck!

b Are you a positive thinker? Answer the questions

- Do you think you will go somewhere exciting for your next holidays?
- Do you think you'll pass your next exam?
- Do you think you'll get a good (or better) job?
- Do you think you'll do something nice this weekend?
- Do you think you'll get an interesting call from someone tonight?

3A going to

+	I'm going to work in a restaurant. She's going to meet me at the airport.
-	We aren't going to stay very long. He isn't going to like the weather there.
?	Are you going to find a job? When is your brother going to visit you?

- Use (be) going to + infinitive to talk about future plans and predictions.
I'm going to work in the UK for six weeks. (plan)
I think it's going to rain this afternoon. (prediction)
- When you use going to go, you can omit to go.
I'm going to go to university next year
or *I'm going to go to university next year.*

present continuous for future arrangements

+	I'm seeing some friends tonight. We're having dinner at their house tomorrow.
-	She isn't leaving until Friday. They aren't coming to the party.
?	What are you doing this evening? Is she meeting us at the cinema?

- You can also use the present continuous for future arrangements which we have planned for a fixed time or place.
- Don't use the present simple for this. NOT *I see some friends tonight.*
- The present continuous is especially common with the expressions *tonight, tomorrow, this weekend, etc.* and with these verbs: *go, come, meet, see, leave, and arrive.*

3B will, won't + infinitive (predictions)

+	I You He She It We They	'll be late.	-	I You He She It We They	won't be late.
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Contractions: 'll = will; won't = will not

- Use will / won't + infinitive for future predictions. (You can also use going to. See 3A above.)
- The future of *there is / are* = *there will be*; the future of *I can* = *I'll be able to* NOT *I'll can.*

?	✓	✗
I you he she it we they	Will she be late? Yes, she will.	No, she won't.

- We often use *I think / I don't think ... + will ...* *I think he'll fail the exam. I don't think he'll pass the exam.* NOT *I think he won't pass.*

⚠ Sometimes in ⊕ sentences with *I* and *we*, people use *shall* (not *will*), but this is very formal (for example, in a business letter).
I shall write to you when I have studied your case.

3A

a Complete with going to + a verb.

be buy get married not go not pass see snow stay

- What film are you going to see tonight?
1 He's very lazy. I'm sure he won't pass his exams.
2 Will your sister buy a new flat?
3 You will in class 3 next year.
4 We are going to camping next summer. We are staying in a hotel.
5 A When will they get married? B In October.
6 It's very cold, but I don't think it will snow today.

b Cross out the wrong form. Tick (✓) if both forms are possible.

I see / I'm seeing my boyfriend tonight.

- What are you doing / do you do after class today?
- Is it going to rain / raining tomorrow?
- We're going to go away / going away this weekend.
- I'm meeting / I meet Susan this evening.
- Where are you going to stay / staying in Paris?
- Hurry up! We're going to be late / being late.
- She's going to come / coming tonight.

3B

a Write sentences and questions with will / won't.

Use contractions where you can.

it / be difficult ⊕ It'll be difficult.

- they / win ⊖
- the meeting / be long ⊕
- he / get the job ⊖
- you / see him at the party ⊕
- it / be impossible to park ⊕
- you / like the film ⊖
- she / love the chocolates we bought her ⊕
- there / be a lot of traffic at 6.00 ⊖
- you / can find a good job ⊕

b Complete the predictions with will / won't + a verb.

be do have last make

- I don't think we'll have another war. This one is probably the last.
Richard Nixon, 1971 (talking about the Vietnam war)
- 'He will never do anything important in life.'
Albert Einstein's teacher (said to his father) 1895
 - 'No film about the Civil War will ever make any money.'
An MGM executive 1945 (about the film *Gone With The Wind*.)
 - 'It's a bad joke. It will.'
Coco Chanel (about the miniskirt)
 - 'I don't think there will be a woman Prime Minister in my lifetime.'
Margaret Thatcher, 1973