## WILL ≠ GOING TO

The **difference** between "will" and "going to" lies in how we use them to express future events.

Both are used to talk about the **future**, but they are used in different contexts based on **certainty**, **planning**, and **spontaneity**.

#### WILL

"Will" is often used to express:

- Spontaneous decision: "I'm tired. I think I will go to bed early tonight."
- Prediction: "It will rain tomorrow."
- Promise: "I will help you with your homework."
- Offer/Request: "I will carry your bag." / "Will you help me with this?"

### **GOING TO**

"Going to" is used for:

- <u>Plans or intentions</u> (something you have already decided to do in the future).
- "I'm going to visit my grandparents next weekend."
- <u>Predictions based on present evidence</u> (when something is likely to happen because of what you know now). "Look at those clouds! It's going to rain soon." (The evidence is the clouds.)

### **Key Differences:**

Spontaneity vs. Planning:

Will is used for decisions made at the moment of speaking.

"I think I will have a coffee." (I just decided this.)

Going to is used for plans or intentions that you have already decided before speaking.

"I'm going to have a coffee later." (This is already planned.)

<u>Prediction</u> based on evidence vs. general prediction:

Will is used for **general predictions about the future**.

"She will probably be late." (Just a guess.)

Going to is used when you make predictions based on something you can see or know at the moment.

"She's late. She's going to miss the train." (The evidence is that she's late.)

Examples to Compare:

"I will call you later."

(I just decided to call you right now.)

"I'm going to call you later."

(I've already decided this and planned to call you later.)

"It will be sunny tomorrow."

(This is a general prediction, not based on any specific evidence.)

"Look at those dark clouds! It's going to rain soon."

(Based on current evidence, like the weather.)

# WILL, MAY AND MIGHT

Will is used to express:	May is used to express:	Might is used for:
- <u>Predictions</u> (what we think will happen in the future). "It will rain tomorrow."	- <u>Possibility</u> (something that could happen, but is less certain).  "It may rain tomorrow."	- <u>Possibility</u> (similar to "may", but suggests a slightly lower chance). "It might rain later."
<ul> <li>Promises (what we are certain will happen).</li> <li>"I will help you with that."</li> <li>Spontaneous decisions (when we decide to do something at the moment).</li> <li>"I think I will have pizza for lunch."</li> </ul>	- Requests or permission (asking for or giving permission in a polite way).  "May I use your phone?"  "You may leave early today."	- <u>Suggestions</u> (giving an idea or recommendation).  "You might want to try the new restaurant."
HIGH CERTAINTY OR A STRONG DECISION	MODERATE POSSIBILITY	LOWER POSSIBILITY, MORE UNCERTAINTY

# Example Sentences:

<sup>&</sup>quot;I will go to the party tomorrow." (I am certain.)

<sup>&</sup>quot;I may go to the party, but I'm not sure." (It's possible.)

<sup>&</sup>quot;I might go to the party, but I have other plans." (It's less likely.)