

English Course- Intermediate Level

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Lecture 8



Listening: A phone call from a customer

Grammar: Future forms: 'will', 'be going to' and present continuous

Pronunciation: linking vowel to vowel (Revision)



Listening

A phone call from a customer



Listen to the recording and decide whether the following sentences are true or false

1. The delivery hasn't arrived yet. True False
2. Andrea is having cash flow issues and needs a payment extension. True False
3. Andrea usually asks for an extension of the payment terms. True False

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4. Andrea has a new order to place, even bigger than the last one. True False
5. Junko can extend the payment terms on the last order to 60 days. True False
6. Junko will send Andrea an email confirmation. True False

Grammar

Future forms: 'will', 'be going to' and present continuous



will

We use *will* to talk about spontaneous plans decided at the moment of speaking. (quick decisions)

I forgot my watch at home. I'll go back to bring it.

Oops, I forgot to phone Mum! I'll do it after dinner.

There's no milk. I'll buy some when I go to the shops.



going to

We use *going to* to talk about plans decided before the moment of speaking.

I'm going to phone Mum after dinner. I told her I'd call at 8 o'clock.

I'm going to wear my black dress tonight.

I'm going to go to the supermarket after work. What do we need?



Present continuous

We usually use the present continuous when the plan is an arrangement – already confirmed with at least one other person and we know the time and place.

I'm travelling to Paris next week.

I'm meeting Jane at 8 o'clock on Saturday.

We're having a party next Saturday. Would you like to come?

Exercise

Choose the correct answer

1- It's really hot in here. _____ a window.

a- I'll open

b- I'm opening

2- I've decided that _____ to my boss about the situation.

a- I'll speak

b- I'm going to speak

3- I would love to go out with you tomorrow but _____ dinner with James.

a- I'll have

b- I'm having

4- I want to do more with my free time. I know! I think _____ taking Mandarin lessons.

a- I'll start

b- I'm starting

5- I've paid for the course and _____ lessons next week.

a- I'll start

b- I'm starting

Pronunciation
linking vowel to vowel
(Revision)

**Vowel to Vowel
Linking** in
American English

Linking: Vowels Using /y/ and /w/

To link smoothly from vowel sound to vowel sound, add a **small, quick** /y/ or /w/ between the vowels.

Examples:

very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → [vɛri~~y~~oʊld]
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → [soʊ~~w~~oʊld]

Don't do:

Using the **wrong sound** will sound very awkward!
very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[vɛri~~w~~oʊld]~~
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[soʊ~~y~~oʊld]~~

Don't do:

Using **glottal stops** [ʔ] will sound choppy
very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[vɛri~~ʔ~~oʊld]~~
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[soʊ~~ʔ~~oʊld]~~

Practice

<https://pronuncian.com/linking-vowels-into-vowels>



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