

Goin' or Gonna?: Talking About Plans and Predictions



A. Read the two conversations below.

1. Formal English:

Speaker A: I'm going to the store now.

Speaker B: Are you going to buy more snacks for the party?

Speaker A: Yes. If I don't, we're not going to have enough food.

2. Informal English:

Speaker A: I'm goin' to the store now.

Speaker B: Are you gonna buy more snacks for the party?

Speaker A: Yeah. If I don't, we're not gonna have enough food.

You can say *goin'* instead of *going* when you are talking about moving from one place to another. (I'm goin' to the store.) You can say *gonna* instead of *going to* when you are talking about a plan (Are you gonna buy more snacks?) or a prediction. (We're not gonna have enough food.)

B. Complete the sentences with the words below.

cold disappointed expensive hard long sleepy

1. Speaker A: I'm going to my apartment now.
Speaker B: Are you going to take a nap?
Speaker A: Yes. If I don't, I'm going to be really _____.
2. Speaker A: I'm going to the library now.
Speaker B: Are you going to study for the test?
Speaker A: Yes. It's going to be _____.
3. Speaker A: I'm going to the beach now.
Speaker B: Are you going to swim?
Speaker A: No. The water is going to be too _____.
4. Speaker A: I'm going to the airport now.
Speaker B: Are you going to get there four hours early?
Speaker A: Yes. The security lines are going to be _____.
5. Speaker A: I'm going to the appliance store now.
Speaker B: Are you going to buy a new TV?
Speaker A: Yes. Next week it's going to be more _____.
6. Speaker A: I'm going to the bakery now.
Speaker B: Are you going to buy Marco a birthday cake?
Speaker A: Yes. If he doesn't have a cake, he's going to be _____.

C. Read the sentences above aloud with a partner. To practice informal English, you can say *goin'* and *gonna*. (You can also say *yeah* instead of *yes*).