

Future Plans

Fleydo English School • Teens • A2 • Reading • 30 min

Lesson Objectives

- Read about future plans and ambitions
- Use going to for plans
- Use want to / hope to / would like to
- Use will for predictions
- Write about your future

Part 1: Reading — What's Your Plan?

Jade, 15 — The Future Doctor: "I'm going to study Medicine. I want to become a paediatrician. My mum is a nurse and she inspired me. I need to get top grades in Science and Maths. I'm going to do work experience at a hospital this summer. I hope to get a place. Backup plan: Biomedical Science. I'm not going to give up easily."

Rio, 14 — The Undecided: "I don't know yet — and that's OK. I used to want to be a footballer, but it's not realistic. I enjoy Maths and solving problems — maybe technology or engineering? I'd like to learn coding. I'm going to sign up for an online course this summer. My sister changed her mind three times at university! She says: keep learning, stay curious. I hope to find something I'm passionate about. I'm sure I will eventually."

Noor, 15 — The Creative: "I want to work in the film industry — as a director or screenwriter. I'm going to start a YouTube channel this month. I'm going to study Film and Media at college. I'd like to move to London for the opportunities. Next year I'm going to enter a young filmmakers' competition. My idea: a girl who discovers she can travel through time with her grandmother's old watch. I think it will be really good!"

Part 2: Comprehension

1. What does Jade want to become? (Paediatrician.)
2. What is Jade doing this summer? (Hospital work experience.)
3. Jade's backup plan? (Biomedical Science.)
4. What is Rio going to do this summer? (Coding course.)
5. What happened with Rio's sister? (Changed mind 3 times.)
6. What does Noor want to be? (Director/screenwriter.)
7. Noor's film idea? (Girl time-travels with grandmother's watch.)

Part 3: Grammar

going to = plans / intentions

I'm going to study Medicine. She's going to start a channel. (decided before)

want to / hope to / would like to = dreams

want to = strong desire. hope to = uncertain wish. 'd like to = polite dream.

will = predictions / beliefs

I think it will be good. I'm sure I will find something.

Structure	Use	Example
going to	Plan	I'm going to do work experience.
want to	Desire	I want to become a doctor.
hope to	Uncertain wish	I hope to get a place.
would like to	Polite dream	I'd like to move to London.
will	Prediction	I think it will be good.
need to	Necessity	I need to get top grades.

Part 4: Quiz

1. I ___ study Film next year. (planned)

a) 'm going to b) will c) want d) hoping

2. I ___ become a doctor. (desire)

a) going to b) want to c) will to d) hope

3. I ___ get a place. (uncertain)

a) going to b) hope to c) will d) need to

4. Rio's summer plan?

a) Hospital b) Coding course c) YouTube d) Film comp.

5. I think the film ___ be good. (prediction)

a) is going to b) will c) wants to d) hopes to

6. I'd ___ move to London. (polite)

a) want to b) like to c) going to d) hope


Part 5: Fill in the Blanks

1. I _____ study Medicine. (planned)
2. I _____ become a paediatrician. (desire)
3. I _____ get a place. (uncertain)
4. I _____ move to London. (polite dream)
5. I think it _____ be really good. (prediction)
6. I _____ get top grades. (necessary)
7. She _____ start a YouTube channel. (planned)
8. I _____ find something I'm passionate about. (uncertain)

Answers: 1. 'm going to 2. want to 3. hope to 4. 'd like to 5. will 6. need to 7. 's going to 8. hope to

Part 6: Speaking & Writing

- What do you want to do after school?
- What career do you hope to have?
- Is it OK not to have a plan?
- Where would you like to live?

 Write About Your Future Plans 10-14 sentences. What you're going to do, what you want/hope/would like to achieve, what you need to do, a will prediction. Use going to, want to, hope to, would like to, need to, and will at least once each!

Review Checklist

- I can use going to for plans.
- I can use want to for desires.
- I can use hope to for uncertain wishes.
- I can use would like to for polite dreams.
- I can use will for predictions.
- I can write about my future.

Well done! You completed Lesson 14: Future Plans!

□ Answer Key

Quiz Answers:

1. a) 'm going to
2. b) want to
3. b) hope to
4. b) Coding course
5. b) will
6. b) like to