

“Will”, “going to” or “the present continuous”?

1. “Why are you working so hard at the moment?”
 - a. “Because ***I’ll buy*** a car, so I’m saving as much money as I can.”
 - b. “Because ***I’m going to buy*** a car, so I’m saving as much money as I can.”

2. a. “***I’m flying*** to Brazil tomorrow. My plane leaves at 2pm.”
 - b. “***I’m going to fly*** to Brazil tomorrow. My plane leaves at 2pm.”

3. a. “***What will you buy*** Eddie for his birthday?”
 - b. “***What are you going to buy*** Eddie for his birthday?”

Answer: “a CD.”

“But he hasn’t got a CD player!”

- a. “OK then. ***I’ll buy*** him a bottle of whisky instead.”
 - b. “OK then. ***I’m going to buy*** him a bottle of whisky instead.”
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4. “Dad, can you sew on a button for me?”
 - a. “Sorry, son. I can’t sew. Ask Mum, ***she’ll do*** it for you.”
 - b. “Sorry, son. I can’t sew. Ask Mum, ***she’s going to do*** it for you.”
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5. “Why have you bought so many eggs?”
 - a. “Because ***I’m going to make*** omelettes for tea.”
 - b. “Because ***I’ll make*** omelettes for tea.”
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6. “Can you help me with these reports?”
 - a. “Sorry, ***I’m going to meet*** the boss at 11am and I can’t be late.”
 - b. “Sorry, ***I’m meeting*** the boss at 11am and I can’t be late.”

7. a. "What **will you do** today?"
b. "What **are you going to do** today?"
- a. "It's Sarah's birthday tomorrow, so **I'm going to bake** a cake for her."
b. "It's Sarah's birthday tomorrow, so **I'll bake** a cake for her."
8. "I have an appointment with the bank manager tomorrow."
- a. "Why **will you see** her?"
b. "Why **are you going to see** her?"
- a. "Because **my wife and I will start** our own business and we need some money."
b. "Because **my wife and I are going to start** our own business and we need some money."
9. "Sorry, Eddie. I didn't do the homework because I don't have the course book."
- a. That's OK. **I'll make** you some photocopies this time, but next week **you'll have to buy** the book.
b. That's OK. **I'm going to make** you some photocopies, but next week **you're going to have to buy** the book.
10. "Shall I tell her that I love her?"
- a. "Where's a coin? If it's heads **I'll tell** her, if it's tails **I won't**."
b. "Where's a coin? If it's heads **I'm going to tell** her, if it's tails **I'm not going to**."