

Talking About Your Plans for Next Week

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Why Talk About the Future?

Every day, we make plans. We know what we're doing after school, what we'll eat for dinner, or what we want to do next weekend. When you're learning a language, being able to talk about your future plans is super important. It helps you chat with friends, tell your teacher about your week, and share your dreams with people who speak a different language.

The Simple Way: "Going To" Plans

Most languages have an easy way to say what you're going to do. In **French**, you use "**aller**" (to go) with another verb. For example: "**Je vais jouer au football**" means "I'm going to play football." In **Spanish**, it's similar: "**Voy a hacer los deberes**" means "I'm going to do my homework."

Think of it like building blocks. You put the "going" block first, then stack your action on top. The "going" part shows it hasn't happened yet—it's in the future.

This pattern works perfectly for next week plans because it's how we naturally speak about things we've already decided to do.

The Tricky Way: The Real Future Tense

Some languages have a special future tense—a completely different verb form. In **Spanish**, you might say "**Hablaré con mis amigos**" (I will speak with my friends). In **French**, it's "**Je parlerai**" (I will speak). These are fancier and show you're talking about something definite that will happen.

Think of it like the difference between a promise and a prediction. The future tense is more formal—like making an official announcement rather than chatting casually.

Choosing the Right One

For homework, class presentations, and everyday conversation about next week, the "**going to**" pattern is your best friend. It's easier to remember, sounds more natural,

and is what people actually use when they chat. Save the official future tense for formal writing or when your teacher specifically asks for it.

The trick is this: both ways are correct. The "going to" way is simpler and friendlier. The real future tense is fancier and more formal. Pick the one that fits your situation!