

Activity Type

Reading, writing,
listening and speaking
breakout room activity,
group work

Language Focus

'Be going to' for future
plans and intentions

Present continuous for
definite arrangements

Making arrangements

Aim

To make and talk
about future plans and
arrangements using 'be
going to' and the present
continuous.

Preparation

Send each student a
copy of the interactive
worksheet.

Level

Intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This interactive 'be going to' and present continuous breakout room activity helps to review the difference between 'be going to' for future plans and the 'present continuous' for definite arrangements in the future.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four and put them in breakout rooms.

Ask the students to write their name above the first diary and the names of their group members above the other diaries.

Tell the students to complete their diary with ten activities they are going to do next week. Half the activities should include a definite time. Five spaces in the diary should be left empty.

Next, explain that the students are going to try to find as many times as possible next week when they can meet by asking each other if they are free at certain times, e.g. 'Diego, are you free on Tuesday evening?'

If a group member replies 'Yes, I am', the two students arrange to do something together and write it in their diaries.

If a group member replies 'No, I'm not', the student gives a reason using 'be going to' or the present continuous (if there is a definite time), e.g. 'I'm meeting Sam at seven o'clock'. Students complete the other diaries on their worksheet with the activities their group members are doing.

If a group finds there are no times next week when they are free, they try to persuade one another to reschedule some of their plans.

When the students have finished, ask them to give feedback to the class on the plans they made with one another using 'be going to' and the present continuous.

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