The future and plans ESL lesson plan (A1)

A1 (beginner) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- What are you going to do this weekend?
- Where are you going on your next holiday?
- What are you doing tomorrow?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
future	the time after now	I want to live in Canada in the future.
tomorrow	the day after today	See you tomorrow!
next week	the week after this one	I'm going to Paris next week.
next year	the year after this one	I'm starting university next year.
weekend	Saturday and Sunday	What are you doing this weekend?
tonight	this evening or night	Let's eat out tonight.
soon	in a short time from now	The bus is coming soon.
later	at a time after now	I'll call you later.
plan	something you decide to do	What are your plans for the summer?
want	to wish to have or do something	I want to learn to drive.

Grammar focus (10 min): Going to: plans

It's the 31st of December. Three friends talk about the new year. Ines says: "I'm going to learn to swim. Max is going to look for a new job, and we're going to travel to Japan in the summer!" By the end of this lesson you can talk about your plans and ask about other people's.

Form	Pattern	Example
Affirmative	am / is / are + going to + base form	I'm going to learn to swim.
Negative	'm not / isn't / aren't going to	We aren't going to stay.
Question	Are you going to...? · What are you going to...?	Is she going to come? — Yes, she is.
When	tomorrow · next week · this summer · in July	next month (no preposition)

Watch for: ~~I going to study tonight.~~ → **I'm going to study tonight.**. You need be.

Speaking (15 min): A letter to open in ten years

The learner says what they would write to themselves in ten years: two plans, two predictions about the world and one promise. You ask how sure they are of each one, from certain to unlikely.

Useful language

- I'm going to... / I'm planning to...
- I'm meeting... on Friday.
- by 2040 · in ten years' time · sooner or later
- I think... will... / I doubt... will...
- It's bound to... / It's unlikely to...
- I hope to... / I'd like to...

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about the future and plans using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 the future and plans vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 21 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

travel · learn · hope · happy · job · dream · buy · move

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. I _____ it's sunny tomorrow.
2. I want to _____ Chinese.
3. I want a _____ in a hospital.
4. I'm going to _____ a car.
5. We're going to _____ to a new house.
6. I want to be _____.
7. I want to _____ around the world.
8. My _____ is to visit Japan.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What do you want to do next year?
2. Are you going to study English next month?
3. Where do you want to live in the future?
4. What are you going to have for dinner tonight?
5. Who are you going to see this week?

Write

Write 80–120 words about the future and plans. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 hope · 2 learn · 3 job · 4 buy · 5 move · 6 happy · 7 travel · 8 dream