

LIVING TO WORK, OR WORKING TO LIVE?:

Review of *might*, *will*, *going to* for plans and arrangements and participial adjectives

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- The main grammar point is a review of *might*, *will*, *going to* and the present progressive for future plans and arrangements. The second grammar point is participial adjectives.
- Latin American Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese speakers don't differentiate between *will* and *going to* when speaking about the future. The present simple is also used instead of the present progressive for fixed plans: *I go to Europe this summer.* ✗
- This area is as complex in Latin American Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese as in English. There is, fortunately, a fair amount of correspondence between the uses of English *going to + verb* and Portuguese/Spanish *vou, etc. + verb / voy, etc. a + verb*. But some differences cause errors such as *I call you tonight.* ✗ (for *I'll call you tonight*, i.e. spontaneous decisions, proposals or offers), and underuse of the present progressive for fixed arrangements and *might* for possible actions or events.
- The verb *poder* (meaning *can*) in both Spanish and Portuguese can be used to express modality as in English, but it is used to mean *might*: *I don't know . . . it can rain later; I think.* ✗
- The *-ed* and *-ing* forms of participial adjectives are often confused, and since the English *-ing* sometimes corresponds to a Spanish past participle this causes errors: *The class is bored.* ✗

ANSWERS

EXERCISE 1

- 1 What are you doing next weekend?
- 2 Are you working next Friday afternoon?
- 3 Are you going home or to work after class?
- 4 Are you playing any sports this week? What sports are you playing?
- 5 Are you taking a vacation in the next six months? Where are you going?

EXERCISE 2

- 1 He is going to play tennis this evening.
- 2 Where are we having lunch today?
- 3 Is she working all weekend?
- 4 I'll probably go to the movies on Friday night.
- 5 I might have a child next year.

EXERCISE 3

- 1a Goodbye. I might call you tonight. (*"might" is used since it is a possibility*)
- 2b After class I'm going to go to the movies. (*"going to" is used since it is an intention*)
- 3b Are you staying home tonight? (*the present progressive is used since it is a plan*)

- 4a Are you going to study tomorrow morning with Julian? (*"going to" is used since it is an intention*)
- 5a I probably won't be a doctor. My grades aren't very good. (*"will" is used since it is an expectation about the future*)

EXERCISE 4

- 1 This was a very boring lesson.
- 2 My brother is very interested in politics.
- 3 She was very amused by his jokes.
- 4 The movie was very amusing.
- 5 My girlfriend is so embarrassed by my clothes!

EXERCISE 5

- 1 People in my country are interested in soccer.
- 2 Laura was very embarrassed by her sister.
- 3 I am very frightened of spiders.
- 4 She was excited about meeting the author of her favorite book.
- 5 The students were bored by the teacher.

PERSONALIZE IT!

Have the students interview each other using the questions in exercise 1.

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EXERCISE 1

Make questions from the words. Use the present progressive.

What / do after class?

What are you doing after class?.....

- 1 What / you do next weekend?
.....
- 2 / you work next Friday afternoon?
.....
- 3 / you go home or to work after class?
.....
- 4 / you play any sports this week? What sports / play?
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.....
- 5 / you take a vacation in the next six months? Where / you go?
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EXERCISE 2

Put the words in order to make sentences or questions.

studying / we / English / aren't / tonight

We aren't studying English tonight......

- 1 is / he / this / going / tennis / to / play / evening
.....
- 2 today / we / are / lunch / where / having ?
.....
- 3 weekend / she / is / all / working ?
.....
- 4 on / to / probably / night / I'll / go / the / movies / Friday
.....
- 5 year / have / I / might / child / a / next
.....

EXERCISE 3

Choose the best answer.

- 1 a) Goodbye. I might call you tonight.
b) Goodbye. I maybe will call you tonight.
- 2 a) After class I will go to the movies.
b) After class I'm going to go to the movies.
- 3 a) Do you stay home tonight?
b) Are you staying home tonight?
- 4 a) Are you going to study tomorrow morning with Julian?
b) Do you study tomorrow morning with Julian?
- 5 a) I probably won't be a doctor. My grades aren't very good.
b) I probably am not going to be a doctor. My grades aren't very good.

EXERCISE 4

Underline the correct form of the adjective in parentheses.

- 1 This was a very (*bored / boring*) lesson.
- 2 My brother is very (*interested / interesting*) in politics.
- 3 She was very (*amused / amusing*) by his jokes.
- 4 The movie was very (*amused / amusing*).
- 5 My girlfriend is so (*embarrassed / embarrassing*) by my clothes!

EXERCISE 5

Complete the sentences with the correct preposition - *in*, *by*, *about* or *of*.

- 1 People in my country are interested soccer.
- 2 Laura was very embarrassed her sister.
- 3 I am very frightened spiders.
- 4 She was excited meeting the author of her favorite book.
- 5 The students were bored the teacher.