

LIFE THEMES FOR ESL CLASSES  
LEVEL 2



# You and Your Life

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# Vocabulary: Using the Calendar

Key Words			
in a minute	in an hour	tonight	tomorrow
tomorrow night	this weekend	this Tuesday	next week
next weekend	next Thursday	next month	next June
next year	in five years	in ten years	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Next year \_\_\_\_\_

In two years \_\_\_\_\_

January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

2006


2007


2008


2009


2010


## Conversation: Making Future Plans

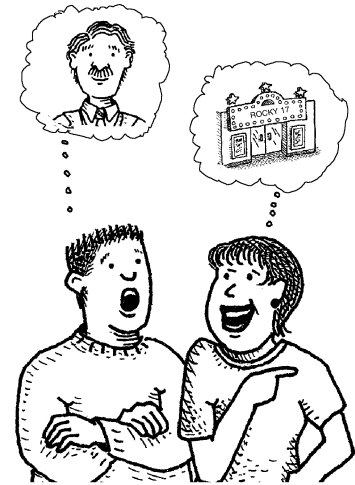
A.

BILL: Monica, what are you going to do this weekend?

MONICA: I'm not sure. I think I'm going to see a movie with some friends. They're going to show *Rocky 17* at the new theater. Do you want to go with us?

BILL: No, thanks. I don't think so. I'm going to visit my father this weekend. What about next weekend? Maybe we can go dancing together. Are you going to be busy next weekend?

MONICA: No, I'm not. That sounds great. We're going to have a great time!



### Think!

What is a plan? Does having a plan help you to make your life better? What are some of your plans for the next few weeks? Having a plan can also help you to learn better.

B.

RASIM: I have so many things to do I don't know when I'm going to have time to do them!

JULIE: Yes, I know. I'm very busy, too. I think I have to plan what I'm going to do this week, then what I'm going to do next week.

RASIM: That's a good idea. If I make a list of things I'm going to do, that's going to help me organize my time.

JULIE: That's right! For example, this week I'm going to shop for a new TV. I'm going to buy food at the supermarket for this week. I'm also going to write letters to my family in New York.

RASIM: That's a good plan. Now we need to plan what we are going to do next week!



C. Discuss your schedule with your partner. What are you going to do this week? What are you going to do this weekend? Next week? Next month?

# Things to Do Now. Things to Do Later.

A. When are you going to . . . (during the week or on the weekend?)



work?



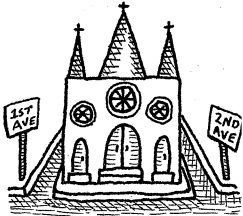
buy food at the supermarket?



play soccer?



fix your car?



go to church (temple, mosque)?



attend a concert?



clean house?



eat dinner in a restaurant?



wash the dog?



see your doctor?



dance at a club?



exercise?

B. When are you going to . . . (this year or in five years?)



buy a car?



go on vacation?



move to a new house or apartment?

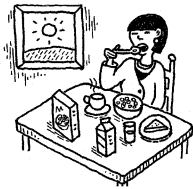


get married or have a baby?

# Practice: Going to

Mini-Lesson Going to								
Statements			Questions			Negatives		
I'm	going to	run.	Am	I	going to sleep?	I'm	not	going to sleep.
You're We're They're		wear it. eat. sleep.	Are	we you they		We You They	aren't	
He's She's It's		play. travel. rain.	Is	he she it		He She It	isn't	

## A. What are they going to do?



She/eat breakfast



John and Karen/watch a movie



We/cook dinner



Mr. Vang/drive to work



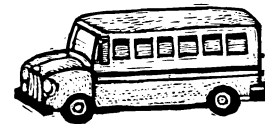
I/drink some milk



You/sleep late on Sunday



The children/stay home on Monday



I/take the bus to school



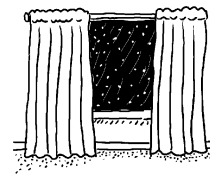
Mrs. Chen/work late tonight



I/wash the car tomorrow



Mario/buy a car this weekend



It/snow tonight

B. Ask a question about each of the pictures above.

C. Make a negative sentence about each of the pictures above.

# Read and Write

## A. Read!

Julie is going to be busy next month. She has a schedule to help her organize her time. She is going to do lots of things, but with a plan, it's going to be easy.

Next week, Julie is going to visit her cousin Anita in Miami. Her cousin is going to get married in three months, and Julie is going to help her with her wedding dress. When she returns from Miami, Julie is going to buy her dress for the wedding.

In two weeks, Julie is going on a business trip to Toronto, Canada. She needs to get ready for the trip. It's going to be cold, so she's going to need a warm coat. Before she leaves, Julie is going to work at her office to prepare for the meetings she's going to have in Toronto.

In three weeks, Julie is going to be home in Chicago. She is going to spend some time with her mother and father. She's going to clean her apartment. Then she's going to prepare for another trip.

During the last week of this month, Julie is going to travel to Europe. She is going to be in Paris for two days and London for two days. Then she's going to travel to Madrid before returning to Chicago.

It's going to be a very busy month for Julie!



### Think

An Events Chart can help you organize your ideas before you write.


## B. Write!

What are you going to do next month? Are you going to be busy? Plan your month by making an Events Chart. Then write about what you are going to do.