Wining & Dining

INTRO ~ Survey: Eating Out

1. How often do you eat out?
2. Do you have a favourite restaurant?
3. What's your favourite type of restaurant? (style, food, atmosphere)
4. Would you prefer a chic classy world renowned restaurant with top quality service or a buzzing family run restaurant with a cosy atmosphere serving simple but good homemade food?
5. When ordering do you stick to old favourites or do you branch out & try new things?
6. Are you a fussy eater?
7. Are you a good cook? What's your speciality?
8. If you had your own restaurant, what would it be like?
9. What do you eat if you are a bit peckish in the afternoon?
10. What do you do if you're not in the mood to cook?

Activity 1 – Grammar Point: WILL AND GOING TO

Will and going to mean almost the same thing and are interchangeable sometimes. However there are times when one is used more than the other and it sounds more natural.

WILL

Promises
- If you are a good boy this week I'll take you to your favourite restaurant.

Offers to help / Voluntary action
- I can't decide where to take my parents out for dinner.
- I'll help you find somewhere.

Requests for help / Invitations
- Will you help me finish my dessert?
- Go on then, twist my arm

Making a decision at moment of speaking
The phone rings
- Ill get it

GOING TO

State a plan or intention
- What are going to do tonight?
- I'm going to try that new bistro on the seafront.

WILL OR GOING TO

Predictions
- How do you think that new restaurant will / is going to do?
- I think it will / is going to be a hit.

CONTRACTIONS

I WILL = I'LL / YOU WILL = YOU'LL ETC. I'M GOING TO = I'M GONNA
WILL NOT = WON'T

Activity 2 ~ Dialogue

Read the following dialogue, find the examples of the future tense and sort them into categories.

- Will you come over for a drink before we head to the restaurant?
- I'd love to but I am going to meet up with a colleague straight after work. I'll try and leave half an hour early though. So where do you feel like going to eat?
- I quite fancy trying that new Greek place on Ship Street. Are you up for it?
- Sounds good to me. I'll see you there at 7. Are you going to get dressed up by the way?
- Definitely, I'm going to wear my new dress.
- Ok, I'll put something nice on as well.

At the restaurant

- What are you going to have?
- I'm not sure. I'll either get the fish or the Greek salad.
- I'm definitely going to have the chicken kebabs.
- Actually, the salad won't fill me up so I'm going to get both.

The waiter arrives

- Can I take your order?
- Yes, I'll have the chicken please
- And I'll have the Greek salad as a starter and the fish as a main.
- Have you chosen the wine madam?
- Not yet, let me see...we'll have the Chardonnay.

Activity 3 ~ Practice: Will or Going to

Choose either will or going to & write what the person would say in each example.

1. You walk into the office and the phone rings. What do you say?

2. You have finished work but the evening chef has just called in sick. Offer to cover his shift *(a period of working time)* that evening.

3. You're late for work again. Promise your boss to be punctual from now on.

4. You are chatting to you colleagues at the end of your shift. Tell them your plans for the evening.

5. You want to perfect a new recipe. Ask the head chef to teach you.

6. Your colleague predicts the number of customers that day. What does he say?

Activity 4 ~ Tic-tac-Toe

You only ate breakfast a couple of hours ago but you are already feeling a bit…	Someone dropped their serviette on the floor. You say…	You are starving so you order 3 courses because you know that just a main course won't …….. up.
You forgot your partner's birthday and you want to make it up to them. You say…	I always order the same thing. Tonight I'm going to …….. and try something different.	You only like very specific things and are very selective about what you eat. You are…
It's cold out so I really …….. …….. a hot bowl of soup. (write 2 synonyms for want).	I'm not …….. …….. cooking, let's just get a take away.	Someone asks you what restaurant you have planned to go to tonight. You reply…

Activity 5 ~ Role Plays

Using will and going, discuss you plans to set up a restaurant with a friend. Your friend offers help and you promise to reward them with mates' rates when you open. Talk about the location, style, type of food, setting etc. Together predict the outcome of the first few weeks.

At a restaurant, talk about what you want to order. Use 5 of the new words and at least 2 examples of will and going to. You have plenty of time to talk as the service is very slooooooow.