

Will and Be going to I think I will go home at 4 today. I think I am going to go home at 4 today.

When I am sure about the future:

I will go for a walk later today.

I am going to go for a walk later today.

No difference

Predictions about the Future:

He is going to graduate this year.

He will graduate this year.

No difference

A Prior Plan

= a plan that we made before we speak

BE GOING TO

I am going to see my friend this weekend.

(We talked last night and decided we both were free.)

Not WILL

A Promise

(You decide this at the same time that you speak it = now/in a second.)

That is heavy. I'll help you.
Ring, ring. I'll answer the phone.
Knock, knock. I'll get the door.