

GOAL Explain a change of intentions or plans**CONVERSATION MODEL**

A ▶ 3:20 Read and listen to a conversation about a change in plans.

A: So what are you doing these days?

B: Well, I'm in dental school.

A: No kidding! I thought you had other plans.

B: That's right. I was going to be an artist, but I changed my mind.

A: How come?

B: Well, it's hard to make a living as a painter!

B ▶ 3:21 **RHYTHM AND INTONATION** Listen again and repeat. Then practice the Conversation Model with a partner.

**GRAMMAR** Expressing intentions and plans that changed: Was / Were going to and would

Express and ask about past intentions and plans that changed with was / were going to + a base form.

I was going to get married (but I didn't).

They were going to study art (but they didn't).

Was she going to take the course?

Were you going to study with Dr. Mellon?

Weren't you going to study law? (Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.)

Where were they going to work? (In Kuala Lumpur.)

Who was going to teach this class? (My sister was.)

You can also use would (the past of will) + a base form to express plans and intentions that changed, but only in a noun clause following verbs such as thought, believed, or said.

She thought she would be a doctor (but she changed her mind).

We always believed they would get married (but they never did).

They said they would pay for their daughter's studies (but they didn't).

Note: You can also use was / were going to in a noun clause after thought, believed, or said.

They said they were going to arrive before noon (but they didn't).

Be careful!

Don't use would + a base form alone. It must be used in a noun clause. Use was / were going to instead.

She was going to be a doctor.
NOT She would be a doctor.

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- Expressing the future: review
- The future with will and be going to: review

GRAMMAR PRACTICE Write what each person said he or she was going to do.

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“ I'm going to stop smoking. ”

2

“ I'm going to apply to law school. ”

3

“ I'm going to find a husband. ”

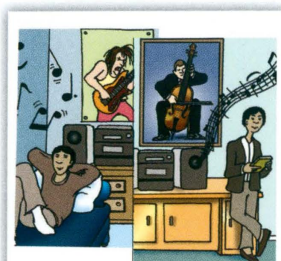
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“ I'm going to marry Sylvia. ”

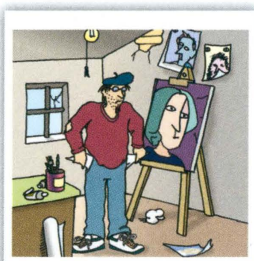
1. He said he was going to ...

VOCABULARY *Reasons for changing plans*

A ▶ 3:22 Read and listen. Then listen again and repeat.



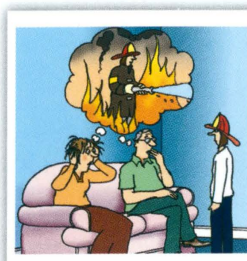
I wanted to be a pop star, but **my tastes changed**.



I was going to be an artist, but **it's hard to make a living as an artist**.



I thought I would be a lawyer, but **I didn't pass the exam**.



I wanted to become a firefighter, but my family **talked me out of it**.



I was going to marry George, but **I changed my mind**.

B VOCABULARY / GRAMMAR PRACTICE Complete each sentence, using would and a reason from the Vocabulary. Then compare reasons with a partner.

- 1 Laura thought / be / a doctor, but . . .
- 2 I thought / become / an astronaut, but . . .
- 3 We were sure / Bill / go / to the local university, but . . .
- 4 Joe always believed / become / a writer, but . . .

C ▶ 3:23 **LISTEN TO ACTIVATE VOCABULARY** Listen to the conversations. Complete each statement about the decision each person made. Then listen again and use the Vocabulary to write the reason each person changed his or her mind.

- 1 She wanted to be a . . . , but she changed her mind because . . .
- 2 He was going to . . . Jessica, but he didn't because . . .
- 3 He always thought she would become a . . . , but she didn't because . . .
- 4 She was going to . . . a Romanian named Andrei, but she didn't because . . .

NOW YOU CAN Explain a change of intentions or plans

A NOTEPADDING On the notepad, write some intentions or plans you had in the past but changed your mind about. Write the reasons for the changes, using the Vocabulary or other reasons.

for my life:

for my studies:

for my career:

B CONVERSATION ACTIVATOR With a partner, change the Conversation Model, using the information on your notepad. Then change roles.

A: So what are you doing these days?

B: Well,

A: No kidding! I thought you had other plans.

B: That's right. I was going to , but

A: How come?

B: Well,

DON'T STOP!

- Ask more questions.
- Explain your choices and decisions.
- Discuss the future.

C CHANGE PARTNERS Practice the conversation again about other intentions or plans from your notepad.