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**9.10 Talking about things that are going to happen**

**(the future tense)**

**Why is this important?  
Children need to be able to explain routines and events that they know will  
happen, either soon or over a longer timescale. They also need to be able to  
predict circumstances and events that might happen. For any or all of these,  
the future tense is important.**

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What to do  
• Gather together some food items and play a shopping game together.  
• Give the child a list of items (in picture format) that he/she needs to buy from  
the shop. Ask:  
★ ‘What are you going to buy from the shop?’  
• Expect the child to use the lead in phrase …  
★ ‘I’m going to buy …’  
• Encourage the child to remember the items he/she needs and ask the shopkeeper (adult) for it.  
• Repeat the sequence until the child has collected all the items on the ‘list’.**

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