



Unit 12:

Expressions with "be"



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Be about to vs be fond of:

BE FOND OF + noun / ing

Use

- ✓ When you have affection or sympathy.
I like to go ski-ing very much = I am fond of ski-ing.

- John is **fond of** taking his class.
- I'm very **fond of** Mel.
- He is not very **fond of** dancing.

What are you fond of? Are you fond of (dancing)?

Yes, I am

No, I'm not.

BE ABOUT TO:

BE + ABOUT TO + INFINITIVE

This form is composed of three elements: the appropriate form of the verb to be, present tense, + 'about to' + the infinitive of the main verb without 'to'.

Use

The immediacy of the action.
It is often used with the word 'just', which emphasises the immediacy of the action:

- We are just **about to** go to sleep.
- Sally is just **about to** take an exam.
- John is **about to** take his class.
- She is **about to** leave.

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Be fond of / Be about to:

1. You / travel
2. He / kids.
3. They / play hockey.
4. She / go jogging.
5. We / parties.
6. He / American football.
7. Christopher / write a letter to a friend.
8. My wife / go shopping.