

Was / Were and Going to / Would

Use **was / were going to** + the base form of the verb to express future plans someone had in the past.

Examples for statements:

- I was going to get married. I changed my mind.
 - I was going to get married, **but** I changed my mind.
- I believed I was going to have a lot of children. I was wrong.
 - I believed I was going to have a lot of children, **but** I was wrong.

Examples for questions and answers:

- Weren't you going to study medicine? Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.
- Who was going to teach this class? My sister was.
- Where were they going to study? In Canada.

Using **would** + the base form of the verb can also express future in the past, but only after statements of knowledge or belief.

Examples:

- Lucy thought she **would be** a veterinarian, but she changed her mind.
- We always believed they **would get** married, but they never did.