

Was Were Going to – Was Were Supposed to (for past expectation)

- We use “was/were going to” to talk about plans we made in the past which didn’t happen, or won’t happen in the future.

For example:

1. I **was going to** visit my aunt when I went to England, but she had gone to Spain for the summer. (So I didn’t visit her)
2. We **were going to** move to Thailand next year, but we were offered better jobs here. (So we didn’t go)

- We use “was/were supposed to” to talk about things we agreed to do, or other people expected us to do, but we didn’t do.)

For Example:

1. I **was supposed to** book the restaurant for tonight, but I forgot. (I agreed to do it, but I forgot)
2. David **was supposed to** take the boys to football training tonight, but he had to work late. (David was expected to take them, but he couldn’t)

- After was/were going to and was/were supposed to we use the infinitive. We often use this form to give a reason why.