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Be

about to do sth

to be going to do something very soon.

- We were just about to leave when Susan arrived.
- I'm about to eat.
Can I phone you back?

It is often used with just:

- We're just about to set off for a walk.
Do you want to come?

used in the past to refer to things that were going to happen but didn't:

- I was about to complain but he came over and apologised.

It is not used with time expressions:

- I was about to call you.

Not: I was about to call you in ten minutes.

Be

on the point of (doing) sth

to be going to do something very soon.

- I was on the point of giving up the search when something caught my eye in the bushes.
- The country's economy is on the point of collapse.
- I was on the point of leaving my job but then I got promoted so I changed my mind.
- I was on the point of going out when the telephone rang.
- Bill is on the point of having a nervous breakdown.

Be

on the verge of (doing) sth

to be at the point where something is about to happen.

- The show was on the verge of being cancelled due to low ratings.
- Mike seemed on the verge of tears.
- Mountain gorillas are on the verge of extinction.
- After 18 years in business he had some unfortunate losses and was on the verge of bankruptcy.

Be

on the brink of (doing) sth

To be at the point where a new or different situation is about to begin:

- Scientists are on the brink of (= extremely close to) a major new discovery.
- She believed she was on the brink of discovering a cure for cancer.
- He was on the brink of tears.

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teeter on the brink/edge of something

to be very close to a very unpleasant or dangerous situation

- The country is teetering on the brink of civil war.