

be about to do

not be about to do

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be about to do something:

if someone is about to do something, or if something is about to happen, they will do it or it will happen very soon.

- We were just about to leave when Jerry arrived.
- Work was about to start on a new factory building.
- I was just about to ask you the same thing.
- We arrived just as the ceremony was about to begin.

not be about to do something (informal):

1) used to emphasize that you have no intention of doing something.

- I've never smoked in my life and I'm not about to start now.
- I'm not about to work on this after hours if the deadline isn't until next month.
- I wasn't about to pay \$20 for some junk worth 5 cents.

2) Something will not happen in the very near future

- Appearing on TV might make her famous, but it's not about to make her rich