



Beauty trends 2026

Predictions & Vocabulary for ESL Learners (A2+/B1)



Warm-up!

- What beauty / makeup / nail trends have you seen recently (2024–2025)?
- Do you follow fashion weeks? What trends do you see in magazines, social media?
- Why do trends change?

What do you think will be new in beauty in 2026?

What will the predictions be about? Guess!



We'll talk about...



EYELASHES



EYESHADOW



EYELINER



LIPS



SKIN



HAIR



NAILS

Grammar corner - will & be going to

Use	Will	Be going to
Predictions without evidence (opinions, guesses)	“I think this trend will be popular.”	—
Decisions made at the moment of speaking	“Oh, that’s a nice idea! I’ll try it!”	—
Predictions based on something we can see / evidence	—	“Those bright colours are everywhere. They’re going to be trendy!”
Plans or intentions (already decided)	—	“I’m going to start offering 3D nail designs.”

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Positive

Will:

Subject + will + base verb

→ She will try a new nail trend.

Be going to:

Subject + am/is/are + going to + base verb

→ They are going to use colorful lashes.



Negative

Will not (won't):

- She won't wear heavy makeup.

Be not going to:

- He isn't going to change his hairstyle.



Questions

Will:

- Will + subject + base verb?

→ Will this trend be popular next year?

Be going to:

- Am/Is/Are + subject + going to + base verb?

→ Are you going to try a new nail color?





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Choose the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use will or be going to.

1. I think colorful lashes _____ (be) very popular next season.
2. Look at those bright nails! Everyone _____ (copy) this style soon.
3. She already decided — she _____ (open) a small beauty salon next year.
4. Oh, that's a great idea! I _____ (try) that lipstick tomorrow!
5. It's cloudy today; it _____ (rain).
6. I don't think heavy makeup _____ (be) trendy anymore.
7. We _____ (not / use) dark colors this season.
8. _____ you _____ (offer) nail art in your salon this year?
9. I like that look! I think I _____ (post) it on Instagram.
10. She has all the products ready — she _____ (start) doing 3D nails soon.

*Speaking practice at the
end of the lesson!*

Vocabulary

- 1.complexion
- 2.windswept
- 3.sleek
- 4.gem
- 5.coat (nails)
- 6.bold
- 7.to pop up
- 8.smudged
- 9.shade (colour)
- 10.to blend
- 11.frame

- A. a version of a colour (lighter or darker).
- B. when something appears suddenly
- C. smooth and shiny
- D. strong and not afraid; brave; confident
- E. the colour and condition of someone's skin
- F. dirty or messy because something has moved or rubbed
- G. to mix two colours together
- H. something beautiful and expensive, like a jewel
- I. the shape or border around something
- J. hair or clothes moved by the wind
- K. a layer of nail polish



Describe the photos!



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What will be trending in 2026? Share your opinion!



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Eyelashes

1. **What is this trend about?**
2. **What new colours can we see on eyelashes?**
3. **Are eyelashes natural or dramatic in 2026?**

In 2026, eyelashes are becoming dramatic art pieces. Instead of simple black mascara, we'll see colorful lashes in gold, blue, or white. Some designers added small gems along the lash line to catch light.

The emphasis is on length and uniqueness: lashes that extend beyond the usual shape, almost like small frames around the eyes.

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Eyeshadow

1. **What kind of colours are used for eyeshadow?**
2. **What is “watercolor eyes”?**
3. **Is this look more soft or heavy?**

Eyeshadow in 2026 shifts between soft shades and bold statements. On one hand, designers used watercolour eyes — soft splashes of pastel pink, blue, and yellow blended lightly over lids. On the other hand, gold flecks or metallic pigments are placed on lids or inner corners. The look is both artistic and wearable: delicate in daylight, but striking in evening light.

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Eyeliner

1. **What shape is popular for eyeliner?**
2. **What does “smudged eyeliner” mean?**
3. **Do people use eyeliner in creative ways?**

Classic eyeliner is returning — but with new shapes and finishes. In 2026, winged eyeliner is back in both bold and delicate styles. Designers play with sharp, graphic wings or soft, smoked lines. Some looks used smudged eyeliner too, creating a more lived-in feel rather than a perfect line. Whether precise or soft, eyeliner becomes a creative tool to frame and dramatise the eyes.

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Lips

1. **What are the popular colours for lips?**
2. **What textures are in fashion?**
3. **Are lips simple or artistic this year?**

For Spring/Summer 2026, lips are the centrepiece. On the runways, models wore bold, graphic lips in unexpected colours like cool grey, deep purple or black-to-red ombré. High-gloss finishes and metallic textures were also present. Decorative elements popped up, too — gems, floral motifs, or words applied to the lips turned them into small works of art.

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Skin

1. **How does skin look in 2026?**
2. **What kind of glow is popular?**
3. **Do people wear a lot of foundation?**

In 2026, skin is all about being polished yet natural. Designers emphasise a soft and smooth radiance. Complexions are kept clean, with minimal makeup covering. However, in some shows, skin looked almost alien — with metallic or celestial touches over a clear base to create futuristic accents. The goal is skin that feels like “you, but better.”

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Hair

1. **What does “windswept hair” look like?**
2. **What other styles are trendy?**
3. **Are hair accessories coming back?**

Hair trends in 2026 are all about texture and ease. Windswept waves are popular — soft, airy, with movement and volume rather than rigid styling. Sleek, wet-look hair also appears on runways: hair pressed close to the head for a clean, modern effect. Accessories like headscarves and hairbands make a return, adding structure and framing the face. Overall, hair in 2026 balances effortlessness and intentional design.

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Nails

1. **What are 3D nails?**
2. **What shapes are popular now?**
3. **Are there also simple nail styles?**

Nails in 2026 are bold. The trend is 3D nails — adding gems, metallic charms, or even micro-sculptures to manicures. Also, square nails are making a comeback. A more minimal alternative is the “buffed” or natural nail: clean, polished, with a simple sheer coat. The contrast between maximal and minimal manicure looks will define trends.

True or false?

1. In 2026, eyelashes are simple and short.
2. Eyeshadow trends include both soft pastel colours and gold tones.
3. Eyeliner is only used in a clean, thin line this year.
4. Nail trends are only natural and short.
5. Windswept hair means perfect, tight curls.
6. Skin trends focus on heavy foundation and contouring.
7. Lip trends are about bold colours and shiny finishes.
8. The main idea of 2026 beauty is mixing simple and creative looks.





Let's talk!

1. Which beauty trend do you think **will** be the most popular in 2026?
2. Do you think people **will** still wear natural makeup in the future?
3. What kind of nail designs **are you going to** try in 2026?
4. Do you think colorful eyeshadow **will** come back soon?
5. **Are you going to** change your hairstyle this year?
6. What skincare product do you think **will** become very popular next year?
7. Do you think more people **will** use eco-friendly beauty products in the future?
8. **Are you going to** buy any new makeup or skincare products this month?
9. Do you think “statement lips” **will** stay trendy for a long time?
10. What new beauty trend **are you going to** try first in 2026?



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Answer key

Vocabulary match

- 1-E
- 2-J
- 3-C
- 4-H
- 5-K
- 6-D
- 7-B
- 8-F
- 9-A
- 10-G
- 11-I

Grammar

- 1.will be
- 2.are going to copy
- 3.is going to open
- 4.will try
- 5.is going to rain
- 6.will be
- 7.are not going to use
- 8.Are you going to offer
- 9.will post
- 10.is going to start

True or false

- 1.F – Lashes are long, colourful, and dramatic.
- 2.T – Pastels and gold/metallics are both popular.
- 3.F – There are both sharp wings and smudged styles.
- 4.F – There are 3D and natural options.
- 5.F – Windswept means soft and natural, not tight curls.
- 6.F – The look is light and natural, with glowing skin.
- 7.T – Lips are shiny, bold, and creative.
- 8.T – Beauty mixes minimal and statement styles.

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