

4A Present continuous and *be going to*

a Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the present continuous, using the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 My parents are buying (buy) me a computer for my birthday.
- 2 He is studying (study) French next year.
- 3 I am not walking (I / not walk) home tonight.
- 4 " Are you wearing (you / wear) a suit to the interview?" "No, I'm not."
- 5 "When is your sister moving (your sister / move) to Italy?" "In about two weeks."
- 6 We are going (we / go) to the movies after work.
- 7 I am not coming (I / not come) into the office on Friday morning because I am going (I / go) to the doctor.

b Look at the sentences in a again. What arrangements have the people made for each plan?

- 1 The parents have already ordered the computer.

c Marisol and Anna are planning a party. Complete the conversation with the correct form of *be going to*.

A So, how's the party planning going?

M Well, we made a list of what we need to do. And

I am going to invite (invite) everybody by text today.

A What ² are you doing (you / do) about music?

M I am not playing (not play) my music. We are asking (ask)

Gary to deal with that. He's a DJ, you know! But we are writing (we / write) a list of our favorites for him.

A Great. There is (there / be) a lot of food?

M Yes, quite a lot. Rachael loves cooking, so she is making (she / make) the food the day before the party.

A Cool ...

M But she is not paying (she / not pay) for it all! We are paying (pay) her back for the ingredients.

A So what ¹⁰ are you doing (I / do)?

M I am cleaning (you / clean) the house!

A Oh, fantastic ... I get all the best jobs ...

d Choose the most natural sentence to follow sentences a and b in each pair.

- 1 a I'm going to have a party.
b I'm having a party.
1 It's this Saturday. Do you want to come?
2 I don't know how many people to invite.
What do you think?
- 2 a They're going to arrive in the afternoon.
b They're arriving in the afternoon.
1 They're not sure what time yet.
2 They arranged for a taxi to meet them at the station.
- 3 a Are we going to play tennis on Saturday?
b Are we playing tennis on Saturday?
1 Yes, I booked the court for two o'clock.
2 Yes, what time do you want to play?
- 4 a She's going to study all day tomorrow.
b She's studying all day tomorrow.
1 She has an exam next week, and she wants to pass.
2 She has classes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 5 a I'm going to fly from Denver to Boston.
b I'm flying from Denver to Boston.
1 Which airline do you recommend?
2 My plane leaves at 8 a.m.