

THE FUTURE

Present Continuous vs. Be going to

1- Fill the table with the following examples:

- My sister **is getting** married **tomorrow**.
- My father **is going to buy** a new car.
- We **are listening** to the teacher.

Present continuous		Be going to + inf
To talk about actions happening now	To talk about future arrangements	To talk about future plans and intentions

We use the **Present Continuous** to refer to the **future** when we know the exact date when we are going to do something. We must always include a time expression, e.g. tomorrow, at the weekend, at five o'clock, etc.

2- Decide if the following sentences refer to the present or to the future:

1. Rachel is meeting Dave at nine o'clock Present / Future
2. 'What are you doing?' 'I'm studying Geography' Present / Future
3. We are having a party next weekend. Present / Future
4. Please, be quiet! I'm working. Present / Future
5. 'What are you doing tomorrow afternoon?' 'I'm visiting my grandma' Present / Future

3- Choose the best tense:

1. **Are you going to invite / Are you inviting** John to your party?
2. **I'm going to see / 'm seeing** the doctor on Tuesday afternoon.
3. Dave **is going to play / is playing** tennis at four o'clock.
4. Karen **is going to have lunch / is having lunch** with Dave next Saturday.
5. **I'm going to sell / 'm selling** my guitar. I never play it.
6. Please, buy some paint. **I'm going to paint / 'm painting** my bedroom.
7. There's a film on TV tonight. **Are you going to watch / Are you watching** it?
8. She's **going to meet / 's meeting** Jim after work.
9. They're **going to have / 're having** lunch together on Tuesday.
10. **I'm going to study / 'm studying** Medicine when I leave school.