G present continuous (future arrangements)
V verbs + prepositions, e.g. *arrive in*
P sounding friendly

When are you leaving? On Monday, and I'm coming back on Friday.

Let's meet again

1 READING & LISTENING

a)) How do you say these dates? Listen and check.

3rd May 12th August 2012 31st December
22/6 5/2 20th July 1998

b Ben and Lily are old friends from university. Read their Facebook messages and number them in order.

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Lily Varnell
☐ Great. I'm going to book my tickets tomorrow, and then I can let you know my flight times.



Ben West
☐ OK. Why don't you phone me nearer the time, at the end of April? Then we can fix a day and a time to meet. I know a great restaurant...



Lily Varnell
[1] Hi Ben! No news from you for ages. How are things? Are you still working at Budapest University? I have a conference there next month and I thought perhaps we could meet. I'd love to see you again! Lily.



Ben West
☐ It depends on the day. I'm going to Vienna one day that week, but it's not very far – I'm coming back the same day. I'm sure we can find a time that's good for both of us.



Lily Varnell
☐ It's from 3rd to 7th May, but I don't know my travel arrangements yet. What are you doing that week? Are you free any time?



Ben West
☐ Lily! Great to hear from you. Yes, I'm still at the university here and it's going very well – Budapest is a wonderful city to live in. When exactly is the conference?



Lily Varnell
☐ Fantastic. I can't wait!

c Read the messages again in the right order. Why does Lily get in touch with Ben? What are they planning to do?

d Match the highlighted words and phrases to their meaning.

1 _____ for a long time
2 _____ definite plans for the future
3 _____ I continue to be
4 _____ maybe
5 _____ the two
6 _____ to decide sth (e.g. a day / date)

e)) Lily phones Ben and leaves him a message. Listen and complete her flight details.

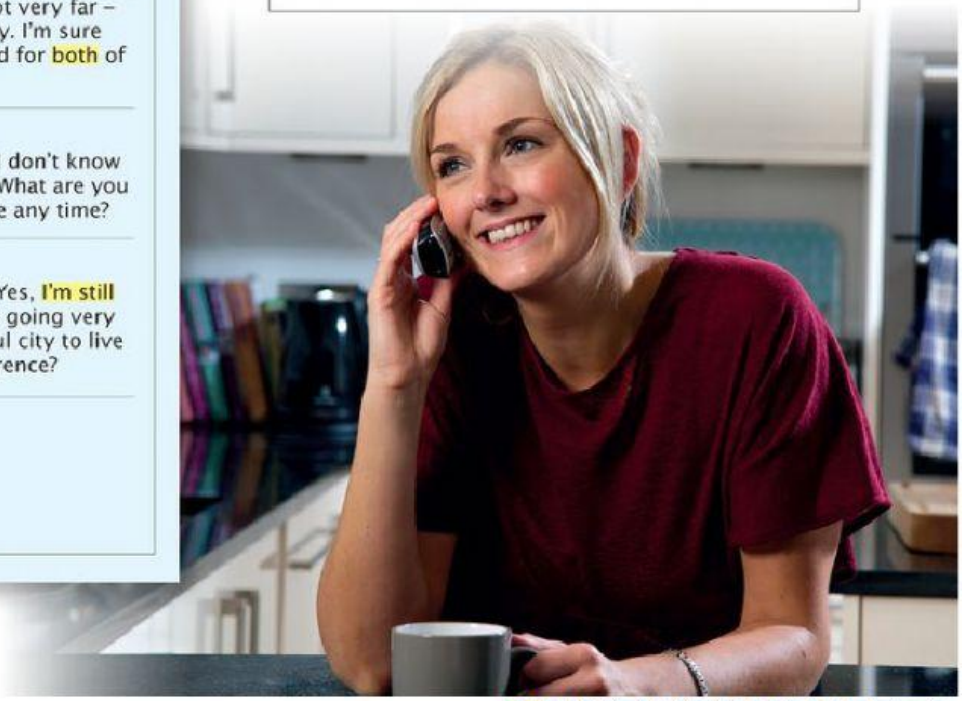
Thank you for booking with easyJet

YOUR RESERVATION NUMBER IS: **I5CS2L**

Going out: Flight EZY4587 **Date:** _____
Depart London Gatwick at 11.10.
Arrive Budapest at _____.

Going back: Flight EZY4588 **Date:** _____
Depart Budapest at _____.
Arrive London Gatwick at 18.10.

Hotel reservations:
Six nights at Hotel _____.



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2 GRAMMAR present continuous (future arrangements)

a In pairs, underline five present continuous verbs in the Facebook messages. Which two are about now? What time period do the other three refer to?

b 🔊 Look at three extracts from the message Lily leaves Ben. Can you remember the missing verbs? Listen and check.

1 I'm _____ from Gatwick with Easyjet.
2 I'm _____ at Budapest airport at 14.40.
3 I'm _____ at a lovely old hotel.

c ➤ **Grammar Bank.** Learn more about the present continuous for future arrangements and practise it.

d 🔊 Lily phones Ben when she arrives at the hotel. Listen to the conversation. What day do they arrange to meet?

e Listen again. Complete Ben's diary for the week.



Sunday 2	*seeing Paul*
Monday 3	
Tuesday 4	
Wednesday 5	
Thursday 6	
Friday 7	

f Cover the diary. Work with a partner and test your memory.

What's Ben doing on Sunday? / *He's seeing Paul. What's he doing on Monday?*

g 🔊 Listen. What happens when Ben and Lily meet?

3 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING sounding friendly

a 🔊 Listen to another dialogue. Then listen again and repeat it sentence by sentence. Try to copy the speakers' intonation.

A Would you like to go out for dinner?
B I'd love to.
A Are you free on Thursday?
B Sorry, I'm going to the cinema.
A What about Friday? What are you doing then?
B Nothing. Friday's fine.
A OK. Let's go to the new Italian place.
B Great.

b Practise the dialogue with a partner. Try to sound friendly.

c Complete your diary with different activities for three evenings.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Sunday

Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday

d Talk to other students. Try to find days when you are both free and suggest doing something. Write it in your diary. Try to make an arrangement with a different person for every night.

Are you free on Friday evening? / *Yes, I am.*

Would you like to go to the cinema? / *Yes, I'd love to.*

4 VOCABULARY verbs + prepositions

a Look at things Lily and Ben say. What are the missing prepositions?

1 It depends ____ the day.
2 I'm arriving ____ Budapest at 14.40.
3 Paul invited me ____ dinner ages ago.

b ➤ **Vocabulary Bank** *Prepositions.*

c Complete the questions with a preposition. Then ask and answer with a partner.

1 What do you usually ask ____ if you go to a café with friends?
2 Who do you think should pay ____ the meal on a first date?
3 Who do you normally speak ____ when you're worried ____ something?
4 Do you spend more money ____ clothes or ____ gadgets?
5 Do you think it's possible to fall ____ love ____ somebody without meeting them face-to-face?

5 WRITING

➤ **Writing** *An informal email.* Write an email about travel arrangements.

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GRAMMAR BANK

present continuous (future arrangements)

+	I'm seeing a friend tonight.
	She's arriving at lunchtime.
−	She isn't leaving until Friday.
	They aren't coming to the party.
?	What are you doing this evening?
	Is she meeting us at the restaurant?

- We often use the present continuous with a future meaning, especially for future arrangements, i.e. for plans we have made at a fixed time or place in the future. Don't use the present simple for this. **NOT** *I see some friends tonight.*

be going to or present continuous?

We can often use either with no difference in meaning, e.g. ***I'm going to see*** *Anna on Tuesday.* **OR** ***I'm seeing*** *Anna on Tuesday.*

It's very common to use the present continuous with the expressions *tonight, tomorrow, this weekend,* etc. and with verbs describing travel arrangements, e.g. *go, come, leave, arrive.*

I'm leaving *on Monday* is more common than ***I'm going to leave*** *on Monday.*

a Read the sentences. Write **N** for now, **F** for future.

F I'm meeting Joe at two o'clock.

1 ☐ I'm living in a flat with two Swedish boys.

2 ☐ We're coming back on Monday.

3 ☐ She's moving to Canada soon.

4 ☐ I'm waiting for the postman.

5 ☐ I'm reading a really good book about science.

6 ☐ We're meeting Sally and James for lunch on Sunday.

7 ☐ Karl is arriving at 6 o'clock.

8 ☐ I'm studying for my maths exam.

b Complete the dialogue between two flatmates.

A What *are you doing* (do)?

B I [1] _____ (pack) my suitcase.

A Why?

B Because I [2] _____ (fly) to Vienna at 8 o'clock tonight.

A Oh, I didn't know. Why [3] _____ (go) to Vienna?

B I [4] _____ (see) the boss of *VTech Solutions* tomorrow.

A Why [5] _____ (meet) him?

B I [6] _____ (work) on a project for him at the moment and I need to discuss it with him.

A Oh, well have a good trip!

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Prepositions

1 AT / IN / ON

a Complete the chart with *at*, *in*, or *on*.

	Place	Time
1 ___	**Countries and cities** *France, Paris* **Rooms** *the kitchen*  **Buildings** *a shop, a museum* **Closed spaces** *a park, a garden* *a car*	**Months** *February, June* **Seasons** *(the) winter*  **Years** *2011* **Times of day** *the morning, the afternoon, the evening (not night)*
2 ___	**Transport** *a bike, a bus, a train, a plane, a ship (not car)*  **A surface** *the floor, a table, a shelf, the balcony, the roof, the wall*	**Dates** *1st March* **Days** *Tuesday, New Year's Day, Valentine's Day* 
3 ___	*school, home, work, university* *the airport, the station, a bus stop* *a party, the door* 	**Times** *6 o'clock, half past two, 7.45* **Festival periods** *Christmas, Easter* *night* *the weekend* 

b)) Listen and check.

c Look at the chart for a few minutes. Then test a partner:

A Say a place or time word, e.g. *Paris, Tuesday.*
B Close your books. Say the preposition (*at*, *in*, or *on*).

Swap roles.

2 VERBS + PREPOSITIONS

a Complete the **Prepositions** column with a word from the list.

about at for in of on to with



		Prepositions
1	I arrived ___ Paris on Friday night.	*in*
2	I was very tired when I arrived ___ the hotel.	
3	I hate waiting ___ people who are late.	
4	A What are you going to do ___ the weekend? B I don't know. It depends ___ the weather.	
5	I'm sorry, but I really don't agree ___ you.	
6	I asked ___ a chicken sandwich, but this is tuna!	
7	Let's invite Debbie and Tim ___ the party.	
8	Who's going to pay ___ the meal?	
9	I need to speak ___ Martin ___ the meeting.	___, ___
10	I don't spend much money ___ food.	
11	Are you going to write ___ him soon?	
12	Don't worry ___ the exam. It isn't very hard.	
13	She fell ___ love ___ a man she met on the internet.	___, ___
14	You're not listening! What are you thinking ___?	
15	A What do you think ___ Shakira? B I really like her. I think she's great.	

b)) Listen and check.

c Cover the **Prepositions** column. Say the sentences.

> **arrive *in* or *arrive at*?**
> Remember we use *arrive in* + cities or countries and *arrive at* + buildings, stations, etc.

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Writing

3 AN INFORMAL EMAIL

a Goran is a student from Croatia who's going to study English in the UK. He's going to stay with a family. Read the email from Mrs Barnes and complete it with expressions from the list.

Best wishes Dear Goran
PS Looking forward to hearing from you

b Read the email again and answer the questions.

1 When is Goran coming to the UK?
2 How is he travelling?
3 Who is going to meet him at the airport?
4 Does Goran have to share a room?
5 Does *Looking forward to hearing from you* mean...?
  a I hope you write again soon.
  b I'm going to write to you again soon.
6 Does *PS* mean...?
  a This isn't very important information.
  b I forgot to say this before.
7 Why does Mrs Barnes send Goran a photo?

c Imagine you are going to stay with Mrs Barnes. Answer her email using your own information. Write three paragraphs. End the email with *Best wishes* and your name.

Paragraph 1	Thank her for her email.
Paragraph 2	Say when you are arriving, etc.
Paragraph 3	Answer her other questions.

d Check your email for mistakes (grammar, punctuation, and spelling).

From: Sally Barnes [Barnes@hotmail.com]
To: Goran [gorangrec@yahoo.com]
Subject: Your trip

1 _____

Thank you for your email. We're very happy that you're coming to stay with us this summer, and we're sure you're going to enjoy your stay with us.

What time are you arriving at Stansted airport? If you send us your flight number and arrival time, we can all meet you in Arrivals. Can you send us your mobile number too?

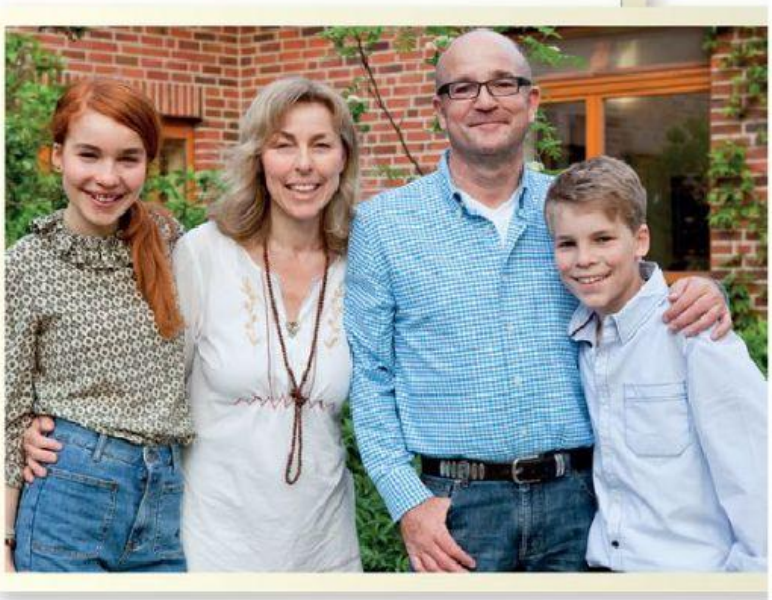
Could you also give us some other information? What day are you going back to Croatia? Is there anything you can't eat or drink? Do you want your own room, or do you prefer to share a room with another student? Is there anything special you would like to do or see in the UK?

2 _____ .

3 _____

Sally Barnes

4 _____ I'm attaching a photo of the family, so you can recognize us at the airport!



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