

## Present Continuous, Be going to and Will

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- We use the Present Continuous for fixed arrangements:  
*I can't go shopping tomorrow at five. I'm **playing** tennis with Joy. (I've already made an arrangement with Joy.)*
- We use *be going to* + infinitive to talk about intentions or plans:  
**Are you going to invite** your aunt to the party?
- We use *will* + infinitive for decisions made at the moment of speaking. We often use *I think* with *will*:  
*I think I'll **ask** Luke for help.*

#### 1) Read the conversations and choose the correct options.

Conversation 1:

**Adrian:** I hear your parents have just bought a new house. When \_\_\_\_\_ in?

**Bradley:** Oh, we \_\_\_\_\_ in until next month. On the twenty-eighth, I think.

Conversation 2:

**Alice:** Are you coming to class? It's almost 9 o'clock.

**Ben:** Yes. \_\_\_\_\_ you later, Caroline, OK?

**Caroline:** OK, bye

Conversation 3:

**Anna:** Oh no! That man has just stolen my bag!

**Brian:** \_\_\_\_\_ the police.

Conversation 4: Amanda: What \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner today?

Mum: Oh, I don't know. \_\_\_\_\_ what's in the freezer.

#### 2) Complete the messages with the most appropriate future forms of the verbs in brackets.

**Alex:** Hi Lily. Got any plans for today?

**Lily:** Hi, Alex. I  am meeting (meet) Fran at 4 p.m. We  (see) the new James Bond film if there are any seats left. Wanna come?

**Alex:** Love to :) Do you need a lift to town? I  (pick) you up if you want.

**Lily:** Cool. Katie's here now – we  (do) some homework after lunch (at least that's the plan!). I think we  (be) free by 3 p.m. though.

**Alex:** OK. By the way, Pete  (have) a party tonight. His parents are away. We can all go after the film.

**Lily:** Fantastic. Fran loves parties. And she likes Pete. ;)

**3) Choose the correct answers.**

There's someone at the front door. \_\_\_\_\_ it?  
Are you going to get    Will you get    Are you getting

Jasmine and William \_\_\_\_\_ house tomorrow.  
are going to move    will move    are moving

I think I \_\_\_\_\_ a ham and mushroom pizza. No, actually, salami and pepper.  
'm going to have    'll have    'm having

Becky \_\_\_\_\_ a bookcase when she has time.  
's going to buy    'll buy    's buying

We \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday night anymore. The airline moved the flight to Sunday morning.  
aren't going to fly    won't fly    aren't flying

I'm afraid your sister \_\_\_\_\_. She called to say she's sick.  
isn't going to come    won't come    isn't coming

**4) Drag and drop the correct answer in the blanks.**

's going to borrow	're meeting	I'll bring	'll be	we'll stop	Are we going to do	are you doing
are we going						

**Mia:** What \_\_\_\_\_ at the weekend?

**Luke:** I'm going camping with Jack and Sophie. Would you like to come?

**Mia:** Yes, that would be great. I'll borrow my dad's car.

**Luke:** OK, good idea. We \_\_\_\_\_ at my house this evening at 7 o'clock to make a plan.

**Mia:** OK, I \_\_\_\_\_ there.

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**Luke:** Mia \_\_\_\_\_ her father's car.

**Sophie:** What about tents?

**Jack:** \_\_\_\_\_ a tent.

**Sophie:** Me too. And a gas cooker.

**Jack:** \_\_\_\_\_ some shopping before we leave?

**Luke:** Er, no, \_\_\_\_\_ on the way.

**Sophie:** Where to camp?

**Jack:** Luke knows. He's got a map.

**Sophie:** What time are we leaving tomorrow?

**Luke:** Let's meet here at 3 o'clock.

**5) Choose the correct forms.**

**Luke:** I'm going to get some milk from the cows.

**Mia:** Really?! What if the cow kicks you? *Are you going to drink / are you drinking* this milk? It must be disgusting!

**Luke:** Just the opposite. It's fresh and tasty.

**Mia:** I think you *will feel / are feeling* sick after drinking it.

**Sophie:** I know what! *I'll make / I'm going to make* some coffee. Do you all want coffee?

**Luke:** Have some milk with the coffee.

**Sophie:** Yuk! So what are the plans for today?

**Luke:** I have great plans for today. *I'll do / I'm going to do* nothing. Just relax and look at the clouds.

**Mia:** Remember Max *will come / is coming* at 2 o'clock.

**Luke:** I know. *Is he coming / Will he come* by car?

**Mia:** No. He's taking a train. Oh, I've got a great idea. *I'll meet / I'm meeting* him at the station. It's two kilometres from here.