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Present continuous, present simple and *will*

Talking about the future

In this unit you learn to use different tenses to talk about the future. You learn when you use the present continuous, the present simple and **will**.

Sophie Hi, Tom. What **are you doing** this weekend?

Tom **I'm visiting** my sister in London. The train **leaves** in a few minutes. **I'll text** you when I get there.

Sophie OK. Have a great time!

When you talk about plans for the future, you often use the present continuous.

*What **are you doing** this weekend?*
***I'm getting** the train to London this afternoon.*
***We're going** to that new restaurant tonight.*

When you talk about something in the future which happens at a definite time, you often use the present simple. You often use a time expression too.

*The train **leaves** in a few minutes.*
*My holiday **starts** on Monday.*
*When **do** your exams **finish**?*

When you promise or offer to do something in the future, you use **will.**

***I'll text** you when I get there.*
***I'll give it back** to you next week.*

You can also use **will** when you are sure about something in the future.

*She's working late tonight. **She'll be** home after 7.00.*
***We won't be** at school tomorrow. It's a holiday.*

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Remember!

There are three forms of **will:**

- **positive**
  You can use either **will** or **'ll**. These forms do not change.
  ***I'll / I will** see you next week.*
  ***They'll** be here at 6 p.m.*
- **negative**
  You can use either **will not** or **won't**. These forms do not change.
  ***She won't / will not** be here until this evening.*
  ***We won't / will not** be very late.*
- **question**
  ***Will you** call me when you get there?*
  ***Will we** be home by tomorrow?*

Exercise 1

Write the present continuous form of the verb in brackets to complete each sentence, as shown.

1 Next weekend we *are visiting* (visit) my sister in Brisbane.
2 I _____ (see) Rachel on Saturday.
3 Jane and I _____ (go out) tonight.
4 Martha _____ (swim) this afternoon.
5 We _____ (have) a Halloween party on Saturday.
6 I _____ (take) Sophie out for a birthday dinner tonight.

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap, as shown.

are | does | will | be | is | am

1 What time *will* you be back tonight?
2 What time _____ your train leave?
3 He won't _____ home before midnight.
4 I _____ seeing Guy and Miranda tonight.
5 What _____ you doing this summer?
6 Where exactly in Germany _____ Liz staying?

Exercise 3

Match the questions to the answers, as shown.

1 When do you leave tomorrow?	**a** Saturday, August 26th.
2 Which restaurant are you going to tonight?	**b** We're going cycling.
3 What are you doing this weekend?	**c** Probably not. I won't be home before midnight.
4 Will I see you later tonight?	**d** We fly at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
5 Is Rebecca coming tonight?	**e** That French restaurant on Hills Road.
6 What day do you come back from your holiday?	**f** Yes, she said so.

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Exercise 4

Choose the correct word, as shown.

1 What time **does** / **is** your bus leave?
2 I'm **see** / **seeing** Paolo tonight.
3 The last train **leaves** / **leaving** King's Cross at midnight.
4 Are you **doing** / **do** anything pleasant tonight?
5 I won't **being** / **be** back till after 11.00.
6 When **are** / **do** you leave tomorrow?

Exercise 5

Match the sentence halves, as shown.

1 I'm spending	a around the US this summer.
2 We're travelling	b in at 3 o'clock in the morning.
3 His flight gets	c be back until November.
4 We're having a meeting	d working this weekend.
5 Adrian won't	e next Tuesday to discuss the matter.
6 Unfortunately, I'm	f the holidays with my family.

Exercise 6

Put the correct word in each gap, as shown.

I'll	see	won't	meeting	doing	going

Hi there!

I hope your afternoon is going OK. Have you remembered I'm [1] *going* out tonight? I'm [2]_____ Greg in town for a drink. I [3]_____ be late – [4]_____ probably be back by 10. Are you [5]_____ your exercise class as usual?

I'll [6]_____ you later.

Love
Ben
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