Present continuous (future)



Language focus

Use the **present continuous** to talk about something arranged to be done in the future.

*We **aren't visiting** my grandparents on Saturday any more. **We're visiting** them on Sunday instead.*

Although **going to** is also used to talk about personal plans, the present continuous is usually used to be clear that a plan is definite – when it is known when and where something will take place.

I'm going to meet Jay this weekend suggests that the plan is not yet fixed.

I'm meeting Jay at three in the park makes it clear that everything has been arranged.

It is very common to ask someone about their plans by asking them the following question:

What are you doing tonight / tomorrow afternoon / on Saturday?

1 **Use the present continuous to make sentences.**

1 I / meet / cousins / 10 a.m.
I'm meeting my cousins at 10 a.m.

2 We / have / a picnic / on the beach.

3 I / see / Tom / at the concert.

4 She / play tennis / with Rebecca.

5 He / have / a party / for his 13th birthday.

6 We / fly back / on Monday morning.

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2 **Complete the dialogue with *be* and the verbs from the box in the present continuous form.**

have come do meet watch ~~play~~

Jim What are you doing on Saturday, Will?

Will My brother and I (1) are playing in a tennis tournament. What about you?

Jim My grandparents (2) _____ round. It's my mother's birthday. We (3) _____ a big party for her. It's going to be a surprise. Have you done the Science project yet?

Will No, I haven't. I (4) _____ it on Sunday evening after dinner. Dad is going to help me. Have you done it?

Jim Not yet. I (5) _____ Jen and Lucy on Sunday afternoon and we're going to do it together. What are you doing after school tonight?

Will I (6) _____ the match on TV. Do you want to come round?

3 **This is Lucas's diary. Write about his plans.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Meet Anne, 12 p.m.	Basketball match, 3 p.m.	Film, Saul's house, 6 p.m.	Play chess with Mary at 10 a.m.	Swim with Mary and Saul, 11 a.m.	Picnic, Mum and Dad, 12 p.m.

1 On Monday afternoon he's meeting Anne.

2 On Tuesday afternoon _____

3 On Wednesday afternoon _____

4 On Thursday morning _____

5 On Friday morning _____

6 On Saturday afternoon _____

4 **Now write about your own plans.**

1 What are you doing on Friday evening?

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2 What are you doing on Saturday morning?

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3 What are you doing on Saturday afternoon?

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4 What are you doing on Sunday afternoon?

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