

# 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.

**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) are coming round. It's my mother's birthday.

We (3) are having 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) am going to have it on Sunday evening after dinner. Dad is going to help me. Have you done it?

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

**Will** I (6) am watching 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?

2 What are you doing on Saturday morning?

3 What are you doing on Saturday afternoon?

4 What are you doing on Sunday afternoon?