3B present continuous (future arrangements)

(+) I'm seeing an old friend tonight. 3.12
She's arriving at lunchtime.

(−) She isn't leaving until Friday.
They aren't coming to the party tomorrow.

(?) What are you doing this evening?
Is he 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 an old friend 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.*

GRAMMAR

¿USO GOING TO O PRESENTE CONTINUO?

En general se pueden usar una estructura o la otra sin diferencia en el significado p.ej. *I'm going to see Anna on Tuesday* y *I'm seeing Anna on Tuesday* significan lo mismo.

Es muy común usar el Presente Continuo con expresiones como *tonight, tomorrow, this weekend*, etc. y con verbos que describen arreglos de viaje p.ej. *go, come, leave, arrive.*

Por lo mismo es más común decir *I'm leaving on Monday* que *I'm going to leave on Monday.*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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 next month.
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 six o'clock.
8 I'm studying for my maths exam.
9 You aren't listening to what I'm saying.
10 Are they leaving in the morning?

b Complete the conversation between two flatmates with verbs in the present continuous.

A What *are you doing*? (do)
B I [1] _____ my suitcase. (pack)
A Why?
B Because I [2] _____ to Vienna at eight o'clock tonight. (fly)
A Oh, I didn't know. Why [3] _____ to Vienna? (go)
B I [4] _____ the boss of VTech Solutions tomorrow. (meet)
A Why [5] _____ him? (see)
B He [6] _____ on a project with me at the moment and we need to discuss it. (work)
A Oh, well have a good trip!

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