

GRAMMAR Present simple and present continuous; Future continuous

1 ★ Choose the correct answers.

The coach arrives / *is arriving* at 12.47.

- The next train to Southampton *is leaving* / *leaves* at three o'clock.
- I *have* / *I'm having* dinner with Tom and his parents tonight.
- The football match *starts* / *is starting* at nine o'clock tomorrow.
- We're going* / *We go* to the theatre on Saturday to see a play.
- Sara *is staying* / *stays* with her grandparents next week.
- I'm playing* / *I play* tennis tomorrow morning.
- The film *finishes* / *is finishing* at 10.45.
- His plane *is arriving* / *arrives* at ten past four.

2 ① 3.7 Complete the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Listen and check.



Amy: Have you got any plans for this evening, Ed?

Ed: Yes, I have. I 'm going (go) to the cinema this evening with Sarah. The film ¹ _____ (start) at seven o'clock. What about you?

Amy: I ² _____ (meet) Megan at 7.30 and we ³ _____ (have) dinner at that new Japanese restaurant. Maybe we could all meet up afterwards?

Ed: That's a nice idea! The film ⁴ _____ (finish) at nine o'clock.

Amy: OK. Well, what about meeting at the restaurant just after nine?

Ed: Oh, wait – Sarah has to leave after the film. She has an early flight tomorrow morning. It ⁵ _____ (leave) at 6.30 so she needs to go to bed early tonight!

Amy: Oh, never mind. Maybe another time.

Ed: Definitely!

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the future continuous.

A week from now, / we / stay / with Uncle Jack / in Canada

A week from now, we'll be staying with Uncle Jack in Canada.

- In six months' time, / you / take / your final exams

- This time next week, / they / fly / to Japan

- In two days' time, / I / relax / on a beach / in Jamaica

- This time next year, / I / study / at university

- Three months from now, / I / live / in the USA

- This time tomorrow, / we / arrive / in Berlin

- In two hours' time, / I / celebrate / my eighteenth birthday!

4 ★★★ ① 3.8 Correct the error in each future continuous sentence. Listen and check.

This time tomorrow, ~~I am~~ waiting for Simon at the airport.

I'll be

- Unfortunately, I'll be work this Saturday evening.

- When you arrive, we'll are cooking dinner.

- This time next week, I be driving to Scotland.

- This time tomorrow evening, I be giving a talk to 200 people.

- In ten days' time, we be will staying in Paris.

- 100 years from now, people are living on Mars.