

# THE FUTURE

## Present Continuous vs. Be going to

### 1- Fill the table with the following examples:

- My sister is **getting** married **tomorrow**.
- My father is **going to buy** a new car.
- We **are listening** to the teacher.

Present continuous	Be going to + inf
To talk about actions happening <b>now</b>	To talk about <b>future</b> arrangements

We use the **Present Continuous** to refer to the **future** when we know the exact date when we are going to do something. We must always include a time expression, e.g. tomorrow, at the weekend, at five o'clock, etc.

### 2- Decide if the following sentences refer to the present or to the future:

1. Rachel is meeting Dave at nine o'clock Present / Future
2. 'What are you doing?' 'I'm studying Geography' Present / Future
3. We are having a party next weekend. Present / Future
4. Please, be quiet! I'm working. Present / Future
5. 'What are you doing tomorrow afternoon?' 'I'm visiting my grandma' Present / Future

### 3- Choose the best tense:

1. **Are you going to invite / Are you inviting** John to your party?
2. **I'm going to see / 'm seeing** the doctor on Tuesday afternoon.
3. **Dave is going to play / is playing** tennis at four o'clock.
4. **Karen is going to have lunch / is having lunch** with Dave next Saturday.
5. **I'm going to sell / 'm selling** my guitar. I never play it.
6. Please, buy some paint. **I'm going to paint / 'm painting** my bedroom.
7. There's a film on TV tonight. **Are you going to watch / Are you watching** it?
8. **She's going to meet / 's meeting** Jim after work.
9. **They're going to have /'re having** lunch together on Tuesday.
10. **I'm going to study / 'm studying** Medicine when I leave school.