

FUTURE

Present continuous vs Be going to

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

arrangements and fixed plans for the future

arrangements = you've decided a time and a place with somebody else)



BE GOING TO

- intentions and personal plans that can be easily modified
- predictions for a near future, for events that are about to happen
- assumptions based on present facts.



Complete each sentence with the correct short form of the verb given in brackets by using the Present continuous or be going future tenses.

Examples: Next week I'm having (have) a party for my birthday. (plan)

I'm going to have (have) a party for my birthday next year. (intention)

1. Look! The clouds are coming out... It (rain) today.
2. What you (do) this afternoon?
3. They (stay) in a luxury hotel while in Rome next week.
4. I (not see) the dentist tomorrow, my appointment is today.
5. Be careful! You (fall) off that wall!
6. I (not play) tennis with John at 4pm, the match is at 5pm.
7. you (leave) by the eight o'clock train tomorrow morning?
8. It looks like we (have) a thunder shower.
9. What time she (go) to the station? Her train leaves at 9 am.
10. There are rumours that they (get) a divorce.
11. They have switched off the lights. The show (start) soon.
12. he (run) in the big race on Saturday?
13. It's too complicated! It (not work)!
14. My parents (eat) in an exclusive restaurant tonight.
15. It's their problem and I (not interfere)!
16. Don't be frightened. We (not hurt) you.
17. you (watch) TV all the afternoon?
18. My brother (meet) his girlfriend at 6 pm.
19. They (not get) married in July, their wedding is next week!
20. You're studying a lot ... you (have) a test tomorrow?
21. That car (crash)! Call 911!
22. The Smiths (fly) to New York tomorrow morning.

