

Present Continuous, Be going to and Will

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- We use the Present Continuous for fixed arrangements:
*I can't go shopping tomorrow at five. I'm **playing** tennis with Joy. (I've already made an arrangement with Joy.)*
- We use be going to + infinitive to talk about intentions or plans:
***Are you going to invite** your aunt to the party?*
- We use will + infinitive for decisions made at the moment of speaking. We often use *I think* with *will*:
*I think I'll **ask** Luke for help.*

1) Read the conversations and choose the correct options.

Conversation 1:

Adrian: I hear your parents have just bought a new house. When _____ in?

Bradley: Oh, we _____ in until next month. On the twenty-eighth, I think.

Conversation 2:

Alice: Are you coming to class? It's almost 9 o'clock.

Ben: Yes. _____ you later, Caroline, OK?

Caroline: OK, bye

Conversation 3:

Anna: Oh no! That man has just stolen my bag!

Brian: _____ the police.

Conversation 4: Amanda: What _____ for dinner today?

Mum: Oh, I don't know. _____ what's in the freezer.

2) Complete the messages with the most appropriate future forms of the verbs in brackets.

Alex: Hi Lily. Got any plans for today?

Lily: Hi, Alex. I (meet) Fran at 4 p.m. We (see) the new James Bond film if there are any seats left. Wanna come?

Alex: Love to :) Do you need a lift to town? I (pick) you up if you want.

Lily: Cool. Katie's here now – we (do) some homework after lunch (at least that's the plan!). I think we (be) free by 3 p.m. though.

Alex: OK. By the way, Pete (have) a party tonight. His parents are away. We can all go after the film.

Lily: Fantastic. Fran loves parties. And she likes Pete. ;)

3) Choose the correct answers.

There's someone at the front door. _____ it?
Are you going to get Will you get Are you getting

Jasmine and William _____ house tomorrow.
are going to move will move are moving

I think I _____ a ham and mushroom pizza. No, actually, salami and pepper.
'm going to have 'll have 'm having

Becky _____ a bookcase when she has time.
's going to buy 'll buy 's buying

We _____ on Saturday night anymore. The airline moved the flight to Sunday morning.
aren't going to fly won't fly aren't flying

I'm afraid your sister _____. She called to say she's sick.
isn't going to come won't come isn't coming

4) Drag and drop the correct answer in the blanks.

's going to borrow	're meeting	I'll bring	'll be	we'll stop	Are we going to do	are you doing
are we going						

Mia: What _____ at the weekend?

Luke: I'm going camping with Jack and Sophie. Would you like to come?

Mia: Yes, that would be great. I'll borrow my dad's car.

Luke: OK, good idea. We _____ at my house this evening at 7 o'clock to make a plan.

Mia: OK, I _____ there.

Luke: Mia _____ her father's car.

Sophie: What about tents?

Jack: _____ a tent.

Sophie: Me too. And a gas cooker.

Jack: _____ some shopping before we leave?

Luke: Er, no, _____ on the way.

Sophie: Where to camp?
Jack: Luke knows. He's got a map.
Sophie: What time are we leaving tomorrow?
Luke: Let's meet here at 3 o'clock.

5) Choose the correct forms.

Luke: I'm going to get some milk from the cows.
Mia: Really?! What if the cow kicks you? *Are you going to drink / are you drinking* this milk? It must be disgusting!
Luke: Just the opposite. It's fresh and tasty.
Mia: I think you *will feel / are feeling* sick after drinking it.
Sophie: I know what! *I'll make / I'm going to make* some coffee. Do you all want coffee?
Luke: Have some milk with the coffee.
Sophie: Yuk! So what are the plans for today?
Luke: I have great plans for today. *I'll do / I'm going to do* nothing. Just relax and look at the clouds.
Mia: Remember Max *will come / is coming* at 2 o'clock.
Luke: I know. *Is he coming / Will he come* by car?
Mia: No. He's taking a train. Oh, I've got a great idea. *I'll meet / I'm meeting* him at the station. It's two kilometres from here.