7.4 Grammar

Going to and Present Continuous for the future

GRAMMAR **Going to and Present Continuous for the future**

- **Fixed arrangements**
  He's coming home next week.
  She isn't getting the bus until three.
  Is she coming or not?
- **Intentions and future plans**
  She's going to look for a new book.
  I'm not going to buy it.
  Are you going to buy a present?

1 ● Complete the sentences with the correct form of *going to* and the verbs in brackets.

1 I'm going to phone (phone) Laura later to ask about her exam.
2 We _____ (look) round the new shopping centre on Saturday morning.
3 _____ (your mother/get) a new car soon?
4 I _____ (not become) a doctor. I want to be a research scientist.
5 Dad _____ (get) a bigger computer for the family next month.
6 _____ (you/email) Sonia about the party?

2 ●● Complete the sentences with the correct Present Continuous form of the verbs below.

have open ~~start~~ play not meet fly

1 My mum's starting a new job on Monday.
2 It's my birthday on Saturday and I _____ a party at my house in the evening.
3 Which airport _____ you _____ from this weekend?
4 A famous actor _____ the new shopping mall on 16 June.
5 Sorry, my mistake! We _____ Jane at 6.00 but at 6.30.
6 Jake is really pleased. He _____ in the school football match on Friday.

3 ●● Complete the sentences with the *going to* or Present Continuous form of the verbs in bold.

1 My plan is to **ASK** Dad to lend me some money for a new laptop.
I'm going to ask Dad to lend me some money for a new laptop.
2 The arrangement is for Leo and me to **CATCH** the same train tomorrow.
Leo and I are _____ the same train tomorrow.
3 I want to **HAVE** a quick shower and then go out with Geoff.
I'm _____ a quick shower and then go out with Geoff.
4 Jack's aim is to **WORK** hard for the next exams.
Jack is _____ hard for the next exams.
5 The arrangement is for Dan and Kevin to **ARRIVE** at 7.00, not 8.00!
Dan and Kevin aren't _____ at 8.00, but at 7.00.
6 Do you plan to **SPEND** a lot of money at the shopping centre on Saturday?
Are you _____ a lot of money at the shopping centre on Saturday?

4 ●●● Complete the message with the *going to* or Present Continuous form of the verbs.

bring buy do go ~~have~~ play show

Nicky,

Let's arrange something for next week. My diary is quite full! I [1] *'m having a driving lesson on Monday at 4.30 and on Tuesday I* [2] _____ *shopping with my gran at 4.00. She* [3] _____ *my birthday present and she wants me to choose it! I* [4] _____ *her round the new shopping centre in the High Street. Then on Wednesday I* [5] _____ *in a tennis match at lunchtime and in the evening Sally* [6] _____ *round some photos from her holiday to show me.*
[7] _____ *you* _____ *anything on Thursday evening?*

Speak soon x

I can use the Present Continuous and *going to* to talk about arrangements and plans for the future.

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