

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.

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

- My mum's **starting** a new job on Monday.
- It's my birthday on Saturday and I **have** a party at my house in the evening.
- Which airport **open** you **start** from this weekend?
- A famous actor **open** the new shopping mall on 16 June.
- Sorry, my mistake! We **not meet** Jane at 6.00 but at 6.30.
- Jake is really pleased. He **play** in the school football match on Friday.

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

- 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.

- The arrangement is for Leo and me to **CATCH** the same train tomorrow.

Leo and I are **catching** the same train tomorrow.

- I want to **HAVE** a quick shower and then go out with Geoff.

I'm **having** a quick shower and then go out with Geoff.

- Jack's aim is to **WORK** hard for the next exams.

Jack is **working** hard for the next exams.

- The arrangement is for Dan and Kevin to **ARRIVE** at 7.00, not 8.00!

Dan and Kevin aren't **arriving** at 8.00, but at 7.00.

- Do you plan to **SPEND** a lot of money at the shopping centre on Saturday?

Are you **spending** 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! I¹ **'m having** a driving lesson on Monday at 4.30 and on Tuesday I² **have** shopping with my gran at 4.00. She³ **is** my birthday present and she wants me to choose it! I⁴ **have** her round the new shopping centre in the High Street. Then on Wednesday I⁵ **am** in a tennis match at lunchtime and in the evening Sally⁶ **is** round some photos from her holiday to show me.

I⁷ **have** you **anything** on Thursday evening?

Speak soon x

