

GRAMMAR Present simple and present continuous; Future continuous

1 ★ Choose the correct answers.

The coach arrives / is arriving at 12.47.

- 1 The next train to Southampton is leaving / leaves at three o'clock.
- 2 I have / I'm having dinner with Tom and his parents tonight.
- 3 The football match starts / is starting at nine o'clock tomorrow.
- 4 We're going / We go to the theatre on Saturday to see a play.
- 5 Sara is staying / stays with her grandparents next week.
- 6 I'm playing / I play tennis tomorrow morning.
- 7 The film finishes / is finishing at 10.45.
- 8 His plane is arriving / arrives at ten past four.

2 ① 3.7 Complete the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Listen and check.



Amy: Have you got any plans for this evening, Ed?

Ed: Yes, I have. I am going (go) to the cinema this evening with Sarah. The film 1 (start) at seven o'clock. What about you?

Amy: I 2 (meet) Megan at 7.30 and we 3 (have) dinner at that new Japanese restaurant. Maybe we could all meet up afterwards?

Ed: That's a nice idea! The film 4 (finish) at nine o'clock.

Amy: OK. Well, what about meeting at the restaurant just after nine?

Ed: Oh, wait – Sarah has to leave after the film. She has an early flight tomorrow morning. It 5 (leave) at 6.30 so she needs to go to bed early tonight!

Amy: Oh, never mind. Maybe another time.

Ed: Definitely!

3 ★★ ② 3.8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the future continuous.

A week from now, / we / stay / with Uncle Jack / in Canada

A week from now, we'll be staying with Uncle Jack in Canada.

- 1 In six months' time, / you / take / your final exams

2 This time next week, they / fly / to Japan

- 3 In two days' time, / I / relax / on a beach / in Jamaica

4 This time next year, I / study / at university

- 5 Three months from now, / I / live / in the USA

6 This time tomorrow, we / arrive / in Berlin

- 7 In two hours' time, / I / celebrate / my eighteenth birthday!

4 ★★ ③ 3.8 Correct the error in each future continuous sentence. Listen and check.

This time tomorrow, I am waiting for Simon at the airport. I'll be

- 1 Unfortunately, I'll be work this Saturday evening.

2 When you arrive, we'll are cooking dinner.

- 3 This time next week, I be driving to Scotland.

4 This time tomorrow evening, I be giving a talk to 200 people.

- 5 In ten days' time, we be will staying in Paris.

6 100 years from now, people are living on Mars.