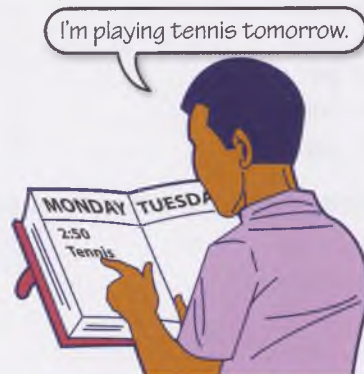


What are you doing tomorrow?

A

They **are playing** tennis (**now**).

today is Sunday

He **is playing** tennis **tomorrow**.We use **am/is/are + -ing** (*present continuous*) for something happening now:

- ☐ 'Where are Tina and Helen?' 'They're **playing** tennis in the park.'
- ☐ Please be quiet. **I'm working**.

We also use **am/is/are + -ing** for the *future* (tomorrow / next week etc.):

- ☐ Andrew **is playing** tennis tomorrow.
- ☐ I'm **not working** next week.

B

I **am doing something tomorrow** = I have arranged to do it, I have a plan to do it:

- ☐ Sophie **is going** to the dentist on Friday.
(= she has an appointment with the dentist)
- ☐ We're **having** a party next weekend.
- ☐ **Are** you **meeting** your friends tonight?
- ☐ What **are** you **doing** tomorrow evening?
- ☐ I'm **not going** out tonight. I'm **staying** at home.

You can also say 'I'm **going to** do something' (→ Unit 26).

C

We use the present continuous (**I'm staying** / **are you coming** etc.) to say what somebody has arranged to do:

- ☐ I'm **staying** at home this evening. (*not I stay*)
- ☐ **Are** you **going** out tonight? (*not Do you go*)
- ☐ Lisa **isn't coming** to the party next week. (*not Lisa doesn't come*)

But we use the present simple (**start**, **arrives** etc.) for timetables, programmes, trains, buses etc.:

- ☐ The train **arrives** at 7.30.
- ☐ What time **does** the film **finish**?

Compare:

present continuous (usually for people)

- ☐ I'm **going** to a concert tomorrow.
- ☐ What time **are** you **leaving**?

present simple (for timetables, programmes etc.)

- ☐ The concert **starts** at 7.30.
- ☐ What time **does** your train **leave**?

25.1 Look at the pictures. What are these people doing next Friday?



- 1 Andrew is playing tennis on Friday.
- 2 Richard to the cinema.
- 3 Rachel
- 4 lunch with Will.
- 5

25.2 Write questions. All the sentences are future.

- 1 (you / go / out / tonight?) Are you going out tonight?
- 2 (you / work / next week?)
- 3 (what / you / do / tomorrow evening?)
- 4 (what time / your friends / come?)
- 5 (when / Lisa / go / on holiday?)

25.3 Write sentences about yourself. What are you doing in the next few days?

- 1 I'm staying at home tonight.
- 2 I'm going to the theatre on Monday.
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

25.4 Put the verb in the present continuous (**he is leaving** etc.) or present simple (**the train leaves** etc.).

- 1 ' Are you going (you/go) out tonight?' 'No, I'm too tired.'
- 2 We're going (we/go) to a concert tonight. It starts (it/start) at 7.30.
- 3 Do you know about Sarah? (she/get) married next month!
- 4 A: My parents (go) on holiday next week.
B: Oh, that's nice. Where (they/go)?
- 5 Silvia is doing an English course at the moment. The course (finish) on Friday.
- 6 There's a party tomorrow night, but (I/not/go).
- 7 (I/go) out with some friends tonight. Why don't you come too? (we/meet) at the Royal Hotel at 8 o'clock.
- 8 A: How (you/get) home after the party tomorrow? By taxi?
B: No, I can go by bus. The last bus (leave) at midnight.
- 9 A: (you/come) with us to the cinema tonight?
B: Yes, what time (the film / begin)?
- 10 A: What (you/do) tomorrow afternoon?
B: (I/work).