



Highlight English

Just for you!

CLASS 3.21 Making Plans.

- Different ways to talk about the future.



Listen to the next conversations.

- Hello Monica, how are you?
- Good and you?
- I'm fine, are you doing something tomorrow night.
- Tomorrow? I have my English class and then I am meeting Carol afterwards, she wants me to help her with a problem with her computer.
- Oh I see ...



Listen to this people's problems and discuss possible solutions.



Today, I am planning to stay in the office to work late. We are having this very important deadline and I just think we won't finish all the projects on time, so I'll just stop by my apartment to get a shower, and then I'll go right back to the office until I finish everything.

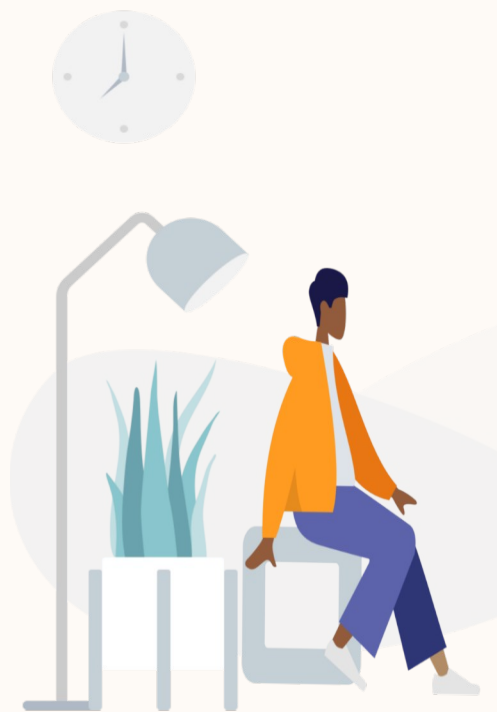
I know it sounds like something very stressing but the reality is that I have a party this Friday and I am leaving the office earlier that night.

Listen to this people's problems and discuss possible solutions.

- So, you are going to be out of town this Friday.
- Yes, I am sorry.
- Ohh, you will miss the party! Everyone is going to be asking about you.
- Yes, I know, but I have this family meeting on Friday, My sister is getting married.
- Oh I see congratulations, I will save you some cake though.



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- Let me check my schedule, on Monday I have my Kickboxing class at seven, then all Tuesdays I have my cooking classes at Night, on Wednesdays I like going with my family to dinner in my uncle's house, finally, Thursday's and Fridays I have my reading club with my friends; Is it OK if we meet on the weekend?

There are many different ways to talk about future situations in English. To decide on the form to use, it is best for to think of how you see the future situation or activity, not the situation or activity itself.

- Modal will I won't
I'll just stop by my house. I won't be long.
- Be going to
I'm going to be out of town.
- Present continuous
I'm meeting Carol after class. I'm not going home.
- Simple present
I have my English class tonight. It starts at 7:00

Will // Won't are used when the speaker decides to do something as he or she is speaking:

I'll just stop by my house and get changed.

For factual information

I'll be back Friday

To make a prediction based on what the speaker knows

We'll get into trouble if we do that.



Be going to is used for factual information.

I'm going to be back Friday.

To make a prediction based on what the speaker knows

The boss is going to be angry when she finds out.

For decisions the speaker has made and fixed plans

We're going to have dinner together after class.

(Note: Will // won't are not usually used for this.)

- **Present continuous.**

This form is used for decisions that the speaker has made and plans that are fixed.

We're having dinner together after class.

- **Simple present**

This form is often used for schedules.

I have my kickboxing class tomorrow. It starts at 7:00

Choose the best form to complete the next conversations.

- Hey, Carlos. What **do you do // are you doing** after work tonight?
- I have no plans. **I just go // I'm just going** home. Why? What are you up to?
- Well, **I go // I'm going** to the gym around 5:00, but after that, I have no plans.
- OK. Well, maybe **I'm stopping by // I'll stop by** later.
- Sure. **I make // I'll make** dinner.
- Oh, no. I just remembered. **I have // I'm having** a doctor's appointment at 6:00.
- That's OK. **I'm waiting // I'll wait** for you to eat.
- Just come right over when you're done.
- All right. **I'm going to be // I'll be** there by 7:30.

Choose the best form to complete the next conversations.

- Hi, Mom. I was just calling to let you know that I take // I'm going to take a 5:30 train this Friday
- Great, honey. I'm meeting // I'll meet you at the station.
- No, that's OK. I won't need // I'm not needing you to pick me up. I get I'll get a taxi
- OK. Do you bring // Are you bringing your friend?
- Yeah. Janice will come // is coming with me.
- Oh, how nice. I can't wait to meet her!
- I'm sure you're going to like // you like her. See you Friday!

Answer the questions with true information.

1. What are you going to do tonight?

2. Are you doing anything special this weekend?

3. Do you have any appointments this month? If yes, who with?

4. Who are you having dinner with tomorrow night?

5. What do you think you'll do when you finish this exercise?
