



Present Tense for Future Events

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Present Continuous for Future Events:

The present continuous is usually used to talk about things we are doing now: '**I am cooking now**'.

However, we often use the present continuous to talk about planned future events. For example:

- David **is throwing** a party on Friday. (= *David plans to throw a party on Friday*)

You could also say "David **will** throw a party on Friday," but using the present continuous tense implies that the party is a planned event.

Present Simple for Future Events:

The present simple is usually used to talk about things we normally do: '**I cook every day**'.

In addition, we often use the present simple to talk about future events that are scheduled or "set in stone" in a calendar:

- John has an exam on Friday. (= *The day of the exam is fixed.*)
- John has his final physics class on Thursday. (= *The day of the class is fixed.*)



Unlike "**David is throwing a party**", these sentences in the present simple show that the future events ('**exam**' and '**physics class**') are set by someone else.

He has no control over when these events occur.

As a result, the present simple is often used to talk about **transportation timetables**:

- The flight for Berlin **leaves** at 4 p.m.
- My train **arrives** in Tokyo at midnight.

Tip: Because they refer to planned future events, the present tenses are **NOT** used for predictions.



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. I think the bank_____ at 8.

- a) closes
- b) is closing

2. The delivery man _____ tomorrow morning.

- a) is coming
- b) comes

3. The teacher _____ us to a field trip next week.

- a) is taking
- b) takes

4. In some countries, the school year _____ in spring.

- a) is starting
- b) starts



5. He _____ to Spain next month.

- a) is moving
- b) moves

6. The store _____ soon.

- a) is coming
- b) comes

7. My bus _____ in Belgrade at noon.

- a) arrives
- b) is arriving

8. The ferry for England _____ at 7 p.m.

- a) leaves
- b) is leaving



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: meet colleagues, for dinner. → I'm meeting colleagues for dinner.

Content:

1. fly to Russia, next month.
2. see my family, next week.
3. get a new phone, next year.
4. cook steak, tonight.
5. go to the gym, after work.
6. go to bed, at 7:00.