



Present continuous for future arrangements

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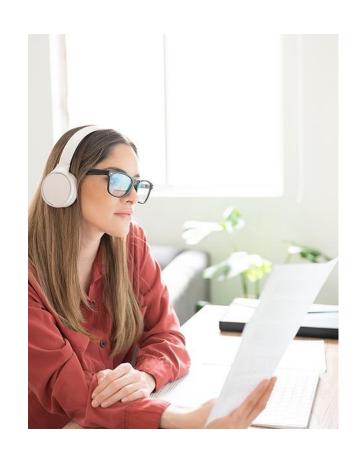
 I can make future arrangements using the present continuous.

 I can determine when to use 'will', 'be going to' and the present continuous when talking about future plans.

Warm-up

What are you going to do after class today?

Share your answer with the rest of the class!







Review: the present continuous tense

We form the present continuous tense with to be in the present and an -ing verb.

pronoun	to be in the present	-ing verb
I	am	eating
you, we, they	are	eating
he, she, it,	is	eating





Review: the present continuous tense

- There are three primary uses for the present continuous tense:
 - something happening right now for a short time
 - something happening for a longer time but still temporary
 - talking about future arrangements

right now	temporary	future arrangements	
I am taking the bus.	I am taking the bus while my car is getting fixed.	I am taking the bus with Sarah to work tomorrow.	
I am having dinner in a restaurant.	I am having dinner in restaurants until my kitchen is repaired.	I am having dinner with my mum on Sunday.	
We are visiting Australia. We're at the Sydney Opera House!	We are visiting Australia until the new store opens. Once it opens, we won't come as often.	We are visiting Australia in June for the store's grand opening.	





Categorise

Are these sentences talking about **present** actions or **future** arrangements?

1 I'm visiting New York City with my sister in December!

My boss is hiring a new assistant next month when James retires.

3 David is washing the dishes.

Martha's daughter is starting university next week.

5 William's moving to Hawaii next year.

I am ice skating at the Rockefeller Center when I visit New York in December.

present actions

future arrangements





What are you doing...

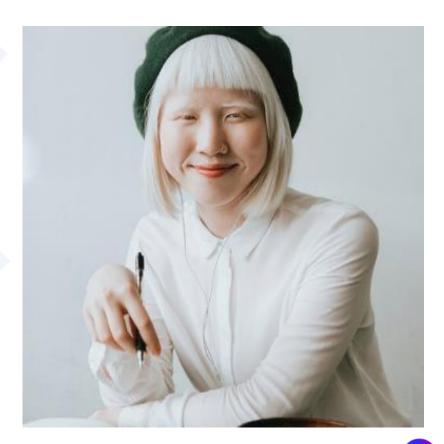
Use the present continuous tense to talk about your plans.

...tomorrow?

...this evening?

...at the weekend?

...next month?







Review: will and to be going to

• We use *will* or *to be going to* with a **bare infinitive** to talk about the future.

subject	will / be going to	verb
1	will	work on Monday
You	will	work on Tuesday
We	are going to	catch the bus.
He	is going to	drive his car.
They	are going to	take a taxi.





Comparing different future tense structures

- We use **will** to make general statements of fact about the future, and to make predictions.
- We use to be going to for future intentions we have already thought about ourselves.
- We use the **present continuous** for future arrangements we have already talked about with someone else.

structure and use	example	
<i>will:</i> future statement of fact	My wife will be in Japan for a business meeting next week.	
<i>will:</i> prediction	In 15 years, cars will drive themselves.	
to be going to: future intentions	I'm going to look for a better job.	
present continuous: future arrangements	Meg and I are eating at a Mexican restaurant tonight.	





Categorise

Categorise the statements into one of the boxes below.



1

Teachers will be replaced by robots.

4

The economy will grow next year.

7

Singapore will be the most important financial centre.

predictions

2

She's meeting me at five o'clock.

5

I'm going to make spaghetti soon.

8

I'm going to leave work early today.

intentions

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He's driving on Saturday, and I'm driving on Sunday.

We're watching a

film after dinner.

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He's going to find out how much it costs.

arrangements

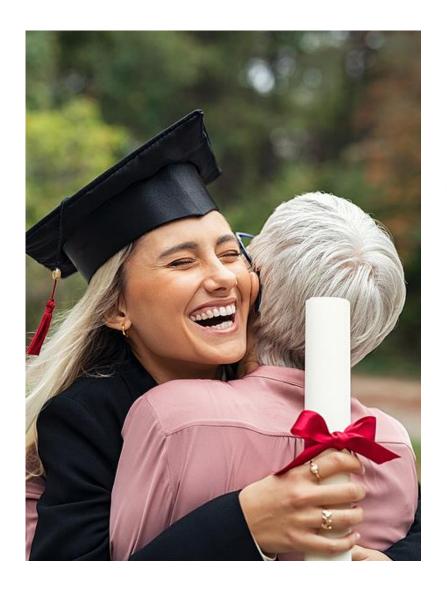




Future arrangements

Use the present continuous to talk about future arrangements.

1	Last Monday, I made spaghetti for dinner.	>	Next Monday, I' m making tacos for dinner.
2	Last Tuesday, we ate at a Greek restaurant.	>	
3	Last Wednesday, they went skiing.	>	
4	Last Thursday, my boss left work late.	>	
5	Last Friday, we watched a romantic comedy.	>	
6	Last Sunday, we drove to the mountains.	>	



I will graduate in a fortnight.

A **fortnight** is a period of 14 days.





I'm going on holiday!



- 1. **Imagine** you've made holiday plans next week.
- 2. In breakout rooms or together as a class, **talk** about your future arrangements and plans for your holiday.

Where are you getting there?

Where are you getting there?

What are you going to do there?

What are you going to do there?

What are you going to eat there?



Discuss

Do you have a diary? Why or why not?





Complete this sentence:
In 3 years, I will...



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Let's reflect!

 Can you make future arrangements using the present continuous?

Can you determine when to use 'will', 'be going to' and the present continuous when talking about future plans?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.



End of the lesson

Idiom

eager beaver

Meaning: an enthusiastic person who works very hard

Example: He was a real eager beaver when he started his job.







Additional practice



Fill in the gaps



Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

I'm so excited about visiting New York City with my sister, Jane, in December! We're flying out in mid-December and returning on Christmas Eve. We're				
	Broadway shows that week, and			
we're	_ at The Hard Rock Café on			
Wednesday. We're	at the Rockefeller			
Center, and we're the Staten Island				
ferry past the Statue of Liberty. On our last day, Jane's				
a fri	end for lunch, but I'm			
the	subway out to Coney Island			
because Jane doesn't really want to see the amusement park.				



taking

eating

riding

seeing

meeting

ice skating





Complete the dialogue



Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *to be*.

Steven : Do you know where holiday this year Dave?	you	going or	
Dave: Yes, we staying in our			
Steven: Where	you staying in Ita	ly?	
Dave : My wife with her cousin in Rome. I friend in Florence. Then we _ Sicily.	visitin	g my	
Steven: What	you going to do in	Sicily?	
Dave : Oh, definitely just relaxing! We going to a fancy restaurant one night – we just want to eat great food and sleep most of the time!			





What are you going to do?



What are you going to do on these days? **Complete** the sentences below with your own ideas.

1	On Monday, I	>	am going to clean the kitchen.
2	On Tuesday, I	>	
3	On Wednesday, I	>	
4	On Friday, I	>	
5	On Saturday, I	>	
6	On Sunday, I	>	

9.

Answer key

P.6:

Present arrangement: 3

Future arrangement: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

P.10:

Predictions: 1, 4, 7 Intentions: 5, 8, 9

Arrangements: 2, 3, 6

P.18: seeing, eating, ice skating, taking, meeting, riding

P.19:

Steven: are Dave: are, is Steven: are

Dave: is, am, are

Steven: are Dave: are



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Summary

Reviewing the present continuous

- We form the **present continuous tense** with *to be* in the present + -*ing form* of the main verb.
- We use for the present continuous tense for 1) something happening right now for a short time;
 2) something happening for longer, but still temporary;
 3) for future arrangements.

Reviewing will and be going to:

- We use **will** or **to be going to** with a **bare infinitive** to talk about the future.
- It will be sunny later.
- I am going to catch the bus.

Comparing the future tenses

- We use **will** to make general statements of fact about the future, and to make predictions.
- Fact: My wife will be in Japan for a business meeting next week.
- **Prediction:** In 15 years, cars will drive themselves.

Comparing future tenses

- We use **to be going to** for future intentions, e.g. **I am going to look for a better job.**
- We use the **present continuous** for future arrangements we have already made. e.g. *Meg and I are eating at a Mexican restaurant tonight.*





Vocabulary

to look for

to fix

to repair

grand opening

to ice skate





Notes

