

COMMUNICATION

I am looking
forward to
that!

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

EN_A2_1112X

LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can correctly form a sentence with 'to be looking forward to'.
- I can explain the difference between 'to be looking forward to' and 'want to'.



To be looking forward to

- We use **to be looking forward to** for something we are **excited** about in the **future**.
- We can follow it with a **noun**.

Examples

I **am looking forward to my trip** to Paris next week.

He **is looking forward to the meeting** on Friday.

The children **are looking forward to school** tomorrow.



Negative form

- We add **not** after the verb **to be** to make the sentence **negative**.



I **am not looking forward to** work tomorrow.

He **is not looking forward to** the team event on Friday.





Question form

- To form a **question**, we invert the **subject** and **be**.



Are you looking forward to the weekend?

Is he looking forward to his birthday party?





Match the sentences

1 I am looking forward to...

2 I am not looking forward to...

3 My parents are looking forward to...

4 My little brother is looking forward to...

5 My auntie is looking forward to...

a their dinner party on Saturday.

b this new job because it will be something different for me.

c my English exam next week because I know it's going to be hard!

d her holiday to Thailand this year.

e school on Monday.



Form sentences

Use ***be looking forward to*** in your answer.

1 I, the meeting on Monday



I **am looking forward to** the meeting on Monday.

2 He, not, his trip to Germany



3 We, our cousin's wedding



4 You, the holiday season?



5 They, the birth of their daughter



6 She, not, her birthday this year



Are you looking forward to anything this year?

Ex.

I'm looking forward to my birthday in July.

1



2



3



4



5



Use the ideas in the photos to help you.



To be looking forward to

- We can also use ***to be looking forward to*** + **-ing verb**.

Examples

I **am looking forward to** **seeing** my friend on Sunday.

He **is looking forward to** **going** to work tomorrow.

We **are looking forward to** **finishing** the school year.



Be careful!

- We follow ***be looking forward to*** with a verb in **the -ing form**.
- We **do not** use the infinitive here.

Correct

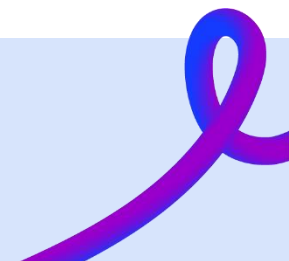
I am looking forward to **watching** the film.

He is looking forward to **seeing** you.

Incorrect

I am looking forward to ~~watch~~ the film.

He is looking forward to ~~see~~ you.





Complete the sentences

- 1 I am not looking forward to _____ (*turn*) 40 next week.
- 2 My family and I are looking forward to _____ (*visit*) Australia next month.
- 3 My sister is looking forward to _____ (*have*) her baby early next year.
- 4 Are you looking forward to _____ (*celebrate*) Hannukah this year?
- 5 Tom is looking forward to _____ (*start*) his new job next week.



Form sentences

Use ***be looking forward to*** in your answer.

1 He (see) you tomorrow



He **is looking forward to seeing** you tomorrow.

2 They (go) on holiday.



3 I (have) a coffee with him.



4 We (try) Vietnamese food for the first time.



5 She (not, give) her presentation next week.



6 You (move) to Japan next year?





Complete with your own ideas!

**This weekend, I am
looking forward to...**



**My friends and I are
looking forward to...**

**Next week, I am not
looking forward to...**



I am **really** looking forward to seeing you!

If we are very excited about something, we add **really** to the sentence.

Note its position in the sentence.



Letters and emails

- We often see this phrase in **letters** and **emails**.

+ noun

I am looking forward to **your email**.

I am looking forward to **your reply**.

+ -ing form

I am looking forward to **hearing** from you.

I am looking forward to **receiving** a response.

Correct the five mistakes

Dear Sam,

Thanks for your email. I am really looking forward to see you in London next month. Tell me, what be you looking forward to doing there?

I'm look forward to going on the London Eye. I think we are both looking forward eating fish and chips!

Looking forward for hearing from you soon!

James



„ Talking about the future

- We use **be looking forward to** for something which is already a plan.
- We use **want to** or **would like to** for intentions. They might not happen!

Compare these examples

I **am looking forward to** going to Kenya next year.

I **want to** go to Kenya next year.

She **is looking forward to** seeing Tom tomorrow.

She **wants to** see Tom tomorrow.



Unscramble

later this year.

I am

looking forward

really

visiting Japan

to



see

I

to

want

one day.

the Great Wall of
China



Choose two questions

1. **Ask** a partner **in breakout rooms**. Then **swap** roles.
2. **Share** one interesting fact about your partner.

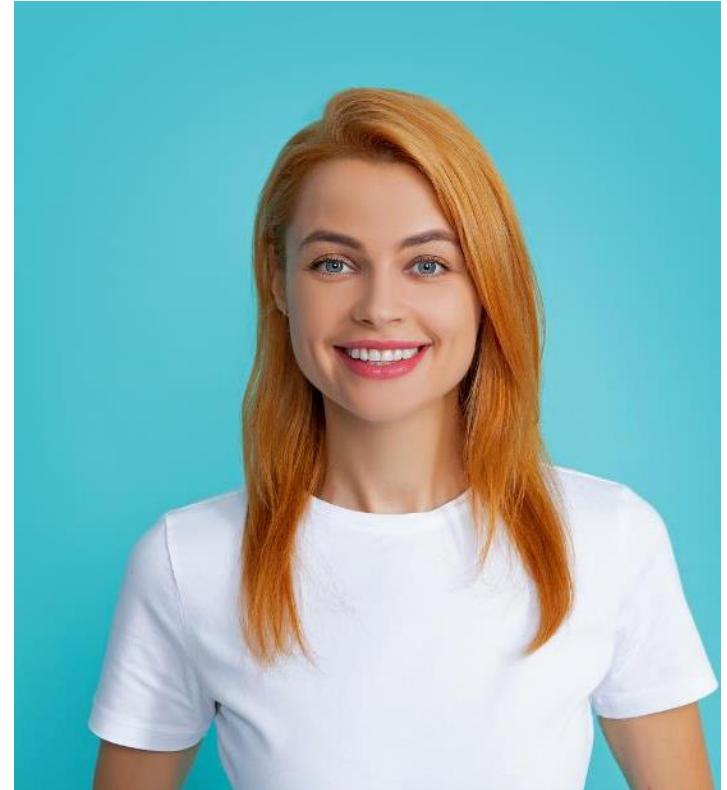
1 What is one thing you want to do this weekend?

2 Which country would you like to visit one day?

3 Who is a famous person you want to meet?

4 Where do you want to go on holiday next year?

5 What sport would you like to learn how to play?





When I retire...

Write a list of plans for when you retire.



Retire means to stop working!

Share your plans with the class.

Use the phrase ***be looking forward to*** in your answers.





End of the lesson

Idiom

glass is half full

Meaning: always thinking about the good things in a situation and not the bad ones.

Example: I'm looking forward to this new challenge. I'm a **glass is half full** type of person!



Additional practice



Re-write with *to be looking forward to*

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | I, wash the dishes, not | > | I'm not looking forward to washing the dishes. |
| | | | _____ |
| 2 | Tom, drive his new car | > | _____ |
| | | | _____ |
| 3 | My parents, go on holiday | > | _____ |
| | | | _____ |
| 4 | My boss, speak at the conference | > | _____ |
| | | | _____ |
| 5 | My partner and I, move in together | > | _____ |
| | | | _____ |
| 6 | Tiffany, celebrate her birthday, not | > | _____ |
| | | | _____ |





What about you?

Write them down. **Compare** with a classmate.

**What are three things
you are really looking forward
to next year?**

?

?

?



Read about Sarah's situation

Answer the questions below.



Sarah

I'm not looking forward to talking to my boss on Monday about the project. It was a complete disaster!

I completely understand. It's going to be difficult. Why don't you try and prepare for it?



Sarah's
colleague

What is happening on Monday?

How could Sarah prepare for it?

Do you ever get nervous about work meetings?



Answer key

P. 6: 1. b, 2. c, 3. a, 4. e, 5. d

P. 7: 2. He is not looking forward to his trip to Germany.
3. We are looking forward to our cousin's wedding.
4. Are you looking forward to the holiday season?
5. They are looking forward to the birth of their daughter.
6. She is not looking forward to her birthday this year.

P. 11: 1. turning
2. visiting
3. having
4. celebrating
5. starting

P. 12: 2. They are looking forward to going on holiday.
3. I am looking forward to having a coffee with him.
4. We are looking forward to trying Vietnamese food for the first time.
5. She isn't looking forward to giving her presentation next week.
6. Are you looking forward to moving to Japan next?



Answer key

- P. 16:** I am really looking forward to seeing you in London next month. Tell me, what are you looking forward to doing there? I'm looking forward to going on the London Eye. I think we are both looking forward to eating fish and chips! Looking forward to hearing from you soon!
- P. 18:**
1. I am really looking forward to visiting Japan later this year.
 2. I want to see the Great Wall of China one day.
- P. 24:**
2. Tom is looking forward to driving his new car.
 3. My parents are looking forward to going on holiday.
 4. My boss is looking forward to speaking at the conference.
 5. My partner and I are looking forward to moving in together.
 6. Tiffany is not looking forward to celebrating her birthday.



Summary

To be looking forward to

- We use ***to be looking forward to*** for something we are **excited** about in the **future**.
- We follow it with a **noun** → *I am looking forward to **my trip** to Paris next week.*
- Or with a **verb** in the **-ing form** → *I am looking forward to **seeing** him on Saturday.*

Negative and question form

- We add **not** after the verb **to be** to make the sentence **negative** → *I am **not** looking forward to it.*
- To form a **question**, we invert the **subject** and **be** → ***Are you** looking forward to the weekend?*

Plans or intentions?

- We use ***be looking forward to*** for something which is **already** a plan.
- We use ***want to*** or ***would like to*** for **intentions**. It might not happen!
- Compare → *I **am looking forward to** going to Kenya next year!* vs *I **want to** go to Kenya next year.*



Vocabulary

to be looking forward to

event

to celebrate

really

to retire



Notes

