Session 3

Now it's your turn to help plan a wedding! In this session you will use the **present continuous** and **going to** as you become a busy wedding planner. And we'll look at a new way of talking about the future.

Activity 3

Is that rain?

Different ways to talk about the future

Emma's going to her friend's wedding. But the weather doesn't look too good. Watch the video and listen out for the different verb forms that Emma uses to talk about the future. Can you spot them all?

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One more way to use 'going to'

We also use **going to** for something that we expect to happen because we can see from the present situation that it is very likely. We can't use the present continuous in this way.

The sky is grey. I think I'm going to get wet.

Oh no! That car's going to hit the tree.

Present simple for future

Did you notice Emma's last sentence?

"The wedding starts at 2pm"

Although the tense is the present simple (subject + verb), it is actually talking about the future. We sometimes use the present simple to talk about events which happen at specific times in the future .

The wedding ceremony starts at 2pm.

The concert is from 9pm-11pm.

Next

That's the end of Session 3. In Session 4 we're going to meet a young couple from India who are getting married. And we'll read a News Report about how to save money when planning a wedding.