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LANGUAGE FOCUS • *be going to*: questions • Present continuous for future arrangements

I can talk about future arrangements.

be going to: questions

1 Order the words to make questions. Then match questions 1–4 with four answers from a–f.

- 1 are / what / we / do / going / to / ?
- 2 you / are / work / with me / to / going / ?
- 3 to / give her / we / are / what score / going / ?
- 4 to the final / go / she / is / to / going / ?

- a. Nine.
- b. We're going to work.
- c. Yes, she is.
- d. Yes, I'm going.
- e. No, we aren't.
- f. Yes, I am.

2 Imagine you and a friend are organising a trip to the final of *The You Factor*. Write questions for 1–6. Then ask your partner.

- 1 How / we / travel ?
- 2 Where / we / stay ?
- 3 we / be / on TV ?
- 4 How much money / you / take ?
- 5 your parents / go ?
- 6 the final / be / on TV ?

Present continuous for future arrangements

3 Match sentences 1–5 with rules a–c.

- 1 We're on the train and we're travelling to Dublin.
- 2 You're coming to the final next week.
- 3 What are you doing?
- 4 What are you going to do when you leave school?
- 5 What are you doing after school?

RULES

- a. We use the present continuous when we talk about actions in progress. (See page 23.)
- b. We also use the present continuous when we talk about arrangements in the future. We often use a time expression, e.g. *tomorrow*, *at the weekend*, etc.
- c. We use *be going to* when we talk about future plans and intentions.

4 Complete the dialogue with the present continuous form of the verbs in the box. Which sentence is an action in progress and which is an arrangement for the future?

1 Action in progress

ask do feel go revise ~~sing~~ think

Son You sound happy, Mum. Why *are you singing*?

Mum I'm very happy.

Son That's nice. we anything on Saturday?

Mum Yes! You for your exams, remember?

Why you ?

Son Because Rob's to a concert on Saturday and he invited me. Is that OK? Mum? You're very quiet.

Mum Mmm. I

Son Oh no – don't think! Just say yes ... please!

5 **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions using phrases from the boxes. Use the present continuous.

Are you doing anything ...

What's happening ...

Are you busy ...

... tomorrow?

... in the holidays?

... after this lesson?

... next weekend?

... this evening?

Are you doing anything this evening?

No, not much. I'm doing my homework and then just watching TV. What about you?

Finished?

Imagine you're in a band and you're going on *The You Factor* in two weeks. Write sentences about your future arrangements to prepare.

