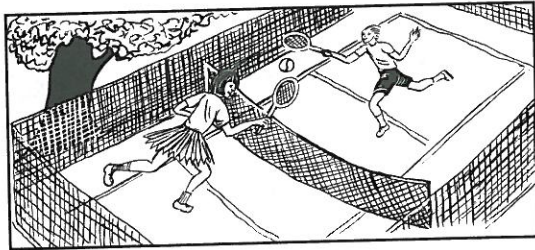


What are you doing tomorrow?

A



They **are playing** tennis (now).



He **is playing** tennis tomorrow.

We use **am/is/are + -ing** (present continuous) for something happening now:
 ● 'Where are Sue and Caroline?' 'They're **playing** tennis in the park.'
 ● Please be quiet. I'm **working**.

We also use **am/is/are + -ing** for the future (tomorrow / next week etc.):
 ● Andrew **is playing** tennis tomorrow.
 ● I'm **not working** next week.

B

I am doing something tomorrow = I have arranged to do it, I have a plan to do it:

- Alice **is going** to the dentist on Friday. (= she has an appointment to see the dentist)
- We're **having** a party next weekend.
- **Are you meeting** Bill this evening?
- What **are you doing** tomorrow evening?
- I'm **not going** out tonight. I'm **staying** at home.



You can also say 'I'm going to do something' (⇒ Unit 27).

C

Do **not** use the present simple (I stay / do you go etc.) for plans and arrangements:

- I'm **staying** at home this evening. (not 'I stay')
- **Are you going** out tonight? (not 'Do you go')
- Ann **isn't coming** to the party next week. (not 'Ann doesn't come')

But we use the present simple for timetables, programmes, trains, buses etc.:

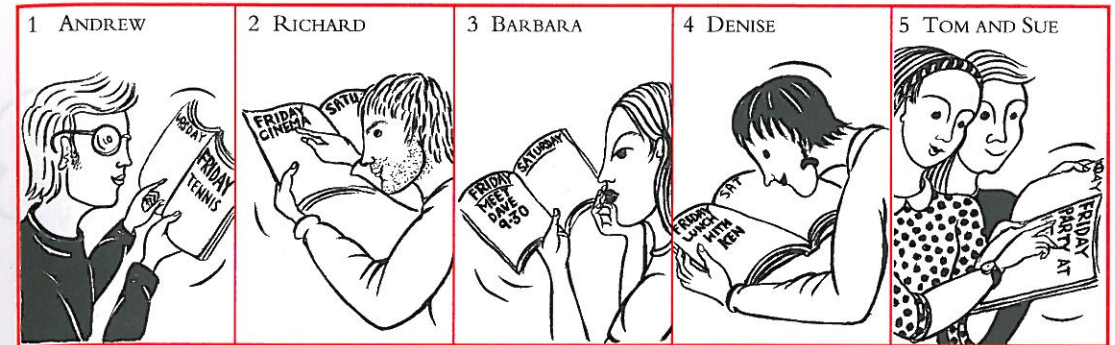
- The train **arrives** at 7.30.
- What time **does** the film **finish**?

Compare:

<p><i>present continuous</i> – usually for people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I'm going to a concert tomorrow. ● What time are you leaving? 	<p><i>present simple</i> – timetables, programmes etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The concert starts at 7.30. ● What time does your train leave ?
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EXERCISES

5.1 Look at the pictures. What are these people doing next Friday?



- 1 Andrew **is playing** tennis on Friday.
- 2 Richard to the cinema.
- 3 Barbara
- 4 lunch with Ken.
- 5

5.2 Write questions. All the sentences are future.

- 1 (you / go / out / tonight?) Are you going out tonight?
- 2 (you / work / next week?)
- 3 (what / you / do / tomorrow evening?)
- 4 (what time / your friends / arrive?)
- 5 (when / Liz / go / on holiday?)

5.3 Write sentences about yourself. What are you doing in the next few days?

- 1 I'm **staying at home** tonight.
- 2 I'm **going to the theatre** on Monday.
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

5.4 Put the verb in the present continuous (he is leaving etc.) or present simple (the train leaves etc.).

- 1 'Are you going..... (you/go) out this evening?' 'No, I'm too tired.'
- 2 'We're going..... (we/go) to a concert this evening. It starts..... (it/start) at 7.30.'
- 3 Do you know about Sally? (she/get) married next month!
- 4 A: My parents (go) on holiday next week.
B: Oh, that's nice. Where (they/go)?
- 5 Silvia is doing an English course at the moment. The course (finish) on Friday.
- 6 There's a football match tomorrow but (I/not/go).
- 7 (I/go) out with some friends tonight. Why don't you come too? (we/meet) at John's house at 8 o'clock.
- 8 A: How (you/get) home after the party tomorrow? By taxi?
B: No, I can go by bus. The last bus (leave) at midnight.
- 9 A: Do you want to go to the cinema tonight?
B: Yes, what time (the film / begin)?
- 10 A: What (you/do) next Monday afternoon?
B: (I/work).