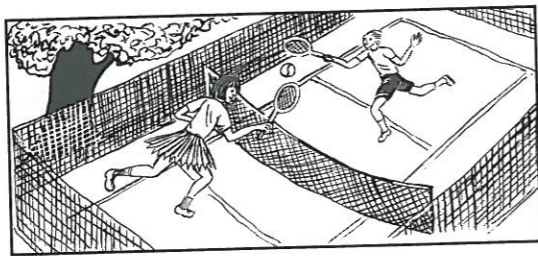


What are you doing tomorrow?

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.:

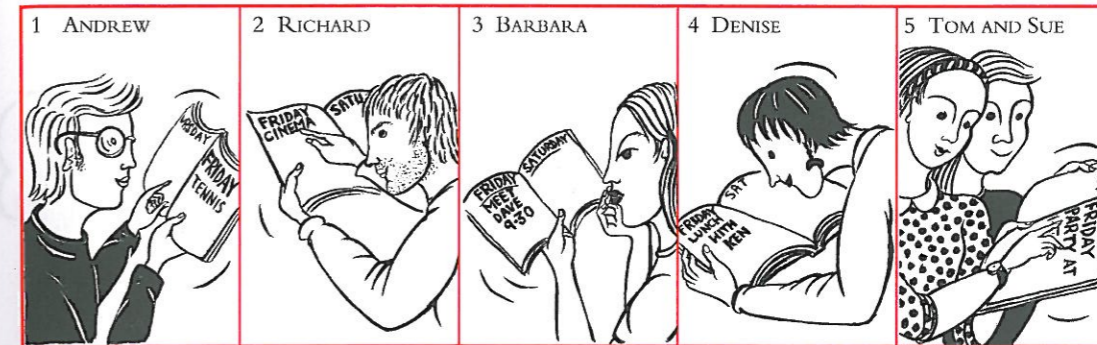
- The train **arrives** at 7.30.
- What time **does** the film **finish**?

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

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



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

3.2 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?)

3.3 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.
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 4
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3.4 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).

I'm going to ...

A I'm going to (do something)



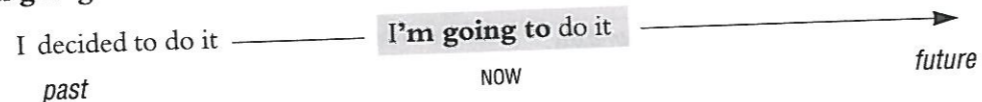
She **is going to** watch TV this evening.

We use **am/is/are going to...** for the future:

I	am	do ...
he/she/it	is	drink ...
we/you/they	are	watch ...

am	I	buy ... ?
is	he/she/it	eat ... ?
are	we/you/they	wear ... ?

B I am going to do something = I have decided to do it, my intention is to do it:



- I'm going to buy some books tomorrow.
- Sarah is going to sell her car.
- I'm not going to have breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- 'Your hands are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. I'm going to wash them.'
- Are you going to invite John to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (⇒ Unit 26):

- I am playing tennis with Julia tomorrow.

C Something is going to happen

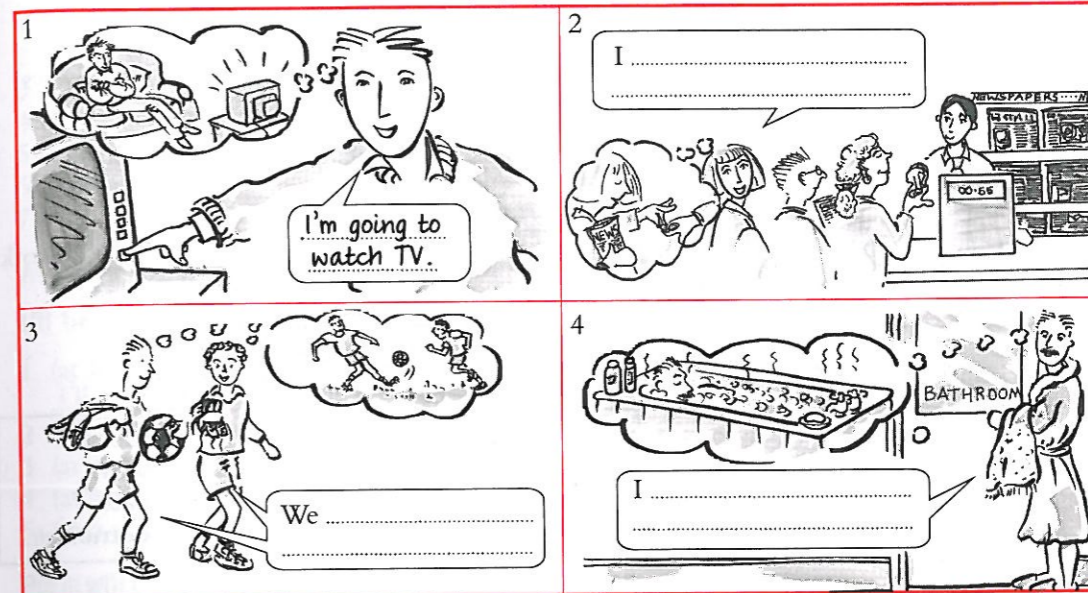
Something **is going to happen** = it is clear *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! It's going to rain. (black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready. I'm going to be late. (9 o'clock *now* and not ready → late)



EXERCISES

1 What are these people saying?

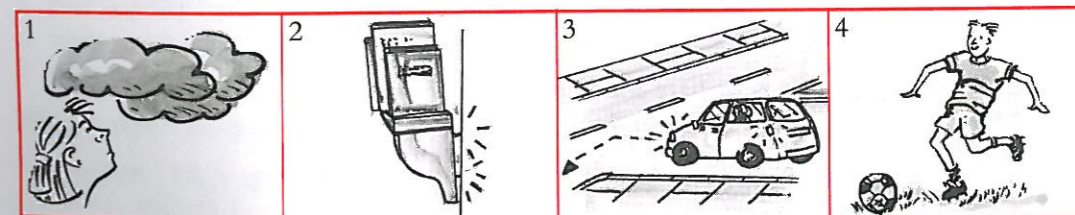


2 Complete the sentences. Use going to + one of these verbs:

eat do give lie down stay walk wash watch wear

- 1 My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
- 2 What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
- 3 I don't want to go home by bus. I ...
- 4 John is going to London next week. He ... with some friends.
- 5 I'm hungry. I ... this sandwich.
- 6 It's Sharon's birthday next week. We ... her a present.
- 7 Sue says she's feeling very tired. She ... for an hour.
- 8 There's a good film on TV this evening. ... you ... it?
- 9 What ... Rachel ... when she leaves school?

3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



- 1 It's going to rain.
- 2 The shelf ...
- 3 The car ...
- 4 He ...

4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

- 1 I'm ...
- 2 ...
- 3 ...

will/shall (1)

A



Sarah goes to work every day. She is always there from 8.30 until 4.30.
It is 11 o'clock now. Sarah **is** at work.
At 11 o'clock yesterday, she **was** at work.
At 11 o'clock tomorrow, she **will be** at work.

will + infinitive (will be / will win / will come etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it	will ('ll) will not (won't)	be win eat come etc.	will	I/we/you/they he/she/it	be? win? eat? come? etc.
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'll = will: I'll (I will) / you'll / she'll etc.
won't = will not: I won't (= I will not) / you won't / she won't etc.

B

We use **will** for the future (tomorrow / next week etc.):

- Sue travels a lot. Today she is in Madrid. Tomorrow she'll be in Rome. Next week she'll be in Tokyo.
- You can phone me this evening. I'll be at home.
- Leave the old bread in the garden. The birds will eat it.
- We'll probably go out this evening.
- Will you be at home this evening?
- I won't be here tomorrow. (= I will not be here)
- Don't drink coffee before you go to bed. You won't sleep.

We often say I think ... will ... :

- I think Diana will pass the exam.
- I don't think it will rain this afternoon.
- Do you think the exam will be difficult?

C

We do *not* use **will** for things we have arranged or decided to do (⇒ Units 26-27):

- We're going to the cinema on Saturday. (not 'We will go')
- I'm not working tomorrow. (not 'I won't work')
- Are you going to do the exam? (not 'Will you do')

D

Shall

You can say I shall (= I will) and we shall (= we will):

- I shall be late tomorrow. or I will (I'll) be late tomorrow.
- I think we shall win. or I think we will (we'll) win.

But do not use shall with you/they/he/she/it:

- Tom will be late. (not 'Tom shall be')

EXERCISES

1.1 Helen is travelling in Europe. Complete the sentences with she was, she's or she'll be.

- 1 Yesterday she was in Paris.
- 2 Tomorrow in Amsterdam.
- 3 Last week in Barcelona.
- 4 Next week in London.
- 5 At the moment in Brussels.
- 6 Three days ago in Munich.
- 7 At the end of her trip very tired.



1.2 Where will you be? Write sentences about yourself. Use:

I'll be ... or I'll probably be ... or I don't know where I'll be.

- 1 (at 10 o'clock tomorrow)
I'll probably be on the beach. OR I'll be at work. OR I don't know where I'll be.

- 2 (one hour from now)
- 3 (at midnight tonight)
- 4 (at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon)
- 5 (two years from now)

1.3 Put in will ('ll) or won't.

- 1 Don't drink coffee before you go to bed. You won't sleep.
- 2 'Are you ready yet?' 'Not yet. I be ready in five minutes.'
- 3 I'm going away for a few days. I'm leaving tonight, so I be at home tomorrow.
- 4 It rain, so you don't need to take an umbrella.
- 5 A: I don't feel very well this evening.
B: Well, go to bed early and you feel better in the morning.
- 6 It's Bill's birthday next Monday. He be 25.
- 7 I'm sorry I was late this morning. It happen again.

1.4 Write sentences beginning I think ... or I don't think ...

- 1 (Diana will pass the exam) I think Diana will pass the exam.
- 2 (Diana won't pass the exam) I don't think Diana will pass the exam.
- 3 (we'll win the game) I
- 4 (I won't be here tomorrow)
- 5 (Sue will like her present)
- 6 (they won't get married)
- 7 (you won't enjoy the film)

1.5 Which is right? (Study Unit 26 before you do this exercise.)

- 1 We'll go / We're going to the theatre tonight. We've got tickets. We're going is right
- 2 'What will you do / are you doing tomorrow evening?' 'Nothing. I'm free.'
- 3 They'll go / They're going away tomorrow morning. Their train is at 8.40.
- 4 I'm sure she'll lend / she's lending us some money. She's very rich.
- 5 'Why are you putting on your coat?' 'I'll go / I'm going out.'
- 6 Do you think Claire will phone / is phoning us tonight?
- 7 Steve can't meet us on Saturday. He'll work / He's working.
- 8 Will / Shall you be at home tomorrow evening?