



Present continuous.

Present continuous for future arrangements:

English speakers often use the **present continuous tense** (**subject + 'be' = verb-ing**) to talk about **future arrangements**. A **future arrangement** is a plan that you have decided and organised with another person.

e.g.:

Robert is spending Christmas and New Year with his Mum and Dad. (*It was arranged by Robert and his parents*)

Susan at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. (*It was decided by us and Susan*)

Sometimes the arrangement is between a person and a group of people, or an organisation or company:

I'm working over the New Year. (*This arrangement is between Alice and her employer*)

They are flying to New York tomorrow morning. (*They have made this arrangement with the airline*)

It is not always necessary to state who the arrangement is with. For example Tim says:

What are we doing at Christmas?

I'm popping over to Poland for a few days.

I'm looking forward to a nice cosy Christmas.

Alice and Helen understand that Tim is talking about arrangements, even though he does not say who the arrangements are with.

Times expressions

Time expressions are often (but not always) used when present continuous is used to talk about future arrangements.

I'm working **next Friday**.

They are flying to New York **tomorrow morning**.

So what are we all doing **on Christmas**?

I'm popping over to Poland **for a few days**.

I'm going to bed **now**.

Present continuous form.

As we can see in all these sentences we can see some examples sentences with the verb GO

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I am going	I am not going	Am I going ?
You are going	You are not going .	Are you going ?
she is going	she is not going	Is she going ?
He is going	She is not going	Is he going ?
It is going	It is not going	Is it going ?
We are going	We are not going	Are we going ?
They are going	They are not going	Are they going ?



A. Match the arrangements and how they were organised, as it is shown in the example

(LETTER A)

A. I'm flying to Spain for a holiday	– I've got an appointment.
B. I'm playing basketball with my friend tomorrow.	– We've invited lots of people.
C. I'm going to the doctor next week.	A- I've got the plane tickets!
D. I'm meeting my friend after school.	– We agreed to meet at the court
E. We're having a barbecue at the weekend.	– We've bought the ingredients.
F. We're watching the new Superman film tonight.	– Our teacher has booked a bus!
G. My mum is helping me make a cake tomorrow	– We agreed to meet at 16:00
H. My class is visiting a museum next week.	– We have tickets for 19:30

B. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous form of one of the verbs from the box.

(REMEMBER TO ADD VERB TO BE APPROPRIATELY)

Retire – return – **work** – discover – start – volunteer – live – spend

- 1) More and more older people are working at second careers these days.
- 2) Many people _____ at a younger age.
- 3) They _____ time doing interesting things.
- 4) Some people _____ new careers.
- 5) Other people _____. They are helping others without pay.
- 6) People _____ longer and healthier lives.
- 7) Some people _____ new talents and abilities.
- 8) Some older women _____ to work after raising a family.