

Future: Present Continuous

Present continuous is used to talk about what is happening *now*.

Eg *I am cooking chicken. (now)*

Present continuous can also be used to talk about future plans.

Eg *I am cooking chicken on Saturday. (future)*

We often use time phrases when using present continuous for the future.

For example: *tomorrow, next week, next year, tonight, at 10pm, on Monday*

| Positive | Negative |
|--|---|
| I'm flying to Spain next week. | I'm not flying to Spain next week. |
| Jane's working on Friday. | Jane isn't working on Friday. |
| They are going to the football match tomorrow. | They aren't going to the football match tomorrow. |

| Question | Short answer |
|--|---|
| Are you flying to Spain tomorrow? | Yes, I am . (+) No, I'm not. (-) |
| Is Jane working on Friday? | Yes, she is. (+) No, she isn't. (-) |
| Are they going to the football match tomorrow? | Yes, they are. (+) No, they aren't. (-) |

Example sentences:

Jane is going to the cinema with Jack tonight.

I'm not starting work at 7:00am tomorrow, I'm starting at 9:00am.

We are going to the cinema on Monday.

What are you doing next week?

Are you visiting your mother in Spain next year?





1. Put the following sentences in the correct order.

a) next weekend?/are/what/doing/you

E.g. *What are you doing next weekend?*

b) to Egypt/am/I/flying/tomorrow

c) not/I/going/to the party/am/on Saturday

d) you/coming/are/tomorrow morning?/to the meeting

e) leaving/my father/next week/is

f) tomorrow? when/you/are/coming

g) very soon/leaving/the flight/is



2. Look at Jane's schedule below and write down her plans on the following page:

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| June 3 rd | Fly to Madrid for business conference 10am flight |
| June 4 th | Have dinner with client – Mr Jones 8:00pm |
| June 5 th | Meet Ms. Smith at the new factory |
| June 6 th | Fly back to London – 9:00am flight |
| June 7 th | Give presentation - 1pm |

1. On the 3rd of June Jane is _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



3. Jane is going on holiday next week, but she is very busy, so her boyfriend Jack has planned the whole trip. Write the questions below to complete their dialogue:



1. Jane: E.g Where are we meeting?

Jack: We are meeting at your place.

2. Jane: _____

Jack: I am arriving at your place at 10am.

3. Jane: _____

Jack: We are going to the airport by taxi.

4. Jane: _____

Jack: I am taking 2 bags, one backpack and one small suitcase.

5. Jane: _____

Jack: We are landing in Paris at 4pm.

6. Jane: _____

Jack: We are taking the metro to our hotel. It will take around one hour.

7. Jane: _____

Jack: We are spending 6 nights in Paris.

8. Jane: _____

Jack: On the first evening we are having dinner at a Michelin star restaurant. It's going to be amazing!

9. Jane: _____

Jack: We are meeting Peter and Mel and the 6th.

10. Jane: _____

Jack: We are meeting them at the Eiffel Tower.

11. Jane: _____

Jack: We are going sightseeing with Peter and Mel. They want to show us their favourite parts of the city.

12. Jane: _____

Jack: We are flying back on the 10th at 12pm.



4. Fill out the schedule below with your plans.

E.g Thursday 6th June I am going to the hairdresser

My Schedule:

| Dates: | Plans |
|-----------------|-------|
| Monday _____ | |
| Tuesday _____ | |
| Wednesday _____ | |
| Thursday _____ | |
| Friday _____ | |
| Saturday _____ | |
| Sunday _____ | |



5. Work with a partner: Ask each other questions about your schedules and fill in the information below:

E.g *What are you doing on Friday?*

Your partner's schedule:

| Dates: | Plans |
|-----------------|-------|
| Monday _____ | |
| Tuesday _____ | |
| Wednesday _____ | |
| Thursday _____ | |
| Friday _____ | |
| Saturday _____ | |
| Sunday _____ | |