

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

I am flying to Egypt tomorrow.

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

I am not going to the party on Saturday.

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

Are you coming to the meeting tomorrow morning?

e) leaving/my father/next week/is

My father is leaving next week.

f) tomorrow? when/you/are/coming

When are you coming tomorrow?

g) very soon/leaving/the flight/is

The flight is leaving very soon.



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 *flying to Madrid for a business conference at 10am.*

2. *On the 4th of June Jane is having dinner with a client at 8pm.*

3. *On the 5th of June Jane is meeting Ms. Smith at the new factory.*

4. *On the 6th of June Jane is flying back to London at 9am.*

5. *On the 7th of June Jane is giving a presentation at 1pm.*



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: *Where time are you arriving at my place?*

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

3. Jane: *How are we going to the airport?*

Jack: We are going to the airport by taxi.

4. Jane: *How many bags are you taking?*

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

5. Jane: *What time are we landing in Paris?*

Jack: We are landing in Paris at 4pm.

6. Jane: *How are we getting to the hotel from the airport?*

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

7. Jane: *How many nights are we spending in Paris?*

Jack: We are spending 6 nights in Paris.

8. Jane: *What are we doing on the first evening?*

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

9. Jane: *When are we meeting Peter and Mel?*

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

10. Jane: *Where are we meeting Peter and Mel?*

Jack: We are meeting them at the Eiffel Tower.

11. Jane: *What are we doing with Peter and Mel?*

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

12. Jane: *When are we flying back to London/home?*

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 _____	