What are you doing tomorrow?

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.

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).

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:

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26.1 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. Denise _______________ lunch with Ken.
5. Tom and Sue _______________

26.2 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?) _______________

26.3 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. __________________________ _______________

26.4 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)

MORNING

I’m going to watch TV this evening.

She is going to watch TV this evening.

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

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B

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

I decided to do it ———— I’m going 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**

**27.1**

What are these people saying?

1. I'm going to watch TV.
2. I ____________________________
3. We ____________________________
4. I ____________________________

**27.2**

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?

**27.3**

Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?

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

**27.4**

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

1. I'm ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
will/shall (1)

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.):**

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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 (’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/be/she/it:
- Tom will be late. (not ‘Tom shall be’)
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28.1 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.

28.2 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)

28.3 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.

28.4 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)
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)

28.5 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?
You can use **I'll ...** (I will) when you *offer or decide* to do something:
- ‘My bag is very heavy.’  **I'll carry** it for you.
- **I'll phone** you tomorrow, OK?  ‘OK, goodbye.’

We often say **I think I'll ... / I don't think I'll ...** when we decide to do something:
- I'm tired. **I think I'll go** to bed early tonight.
- It's a nice day. **I think I'll sit** in the garden.
- It's raining. **I don't think I'll go** out.

Do *not* use the present simple (I go / I phone etc.) in sentences like these:
- **I'll phone** you tomorrow, OK? (not ‘I phone you’)
- **I think I'll go** to bed early. (not ‘I go to bed’)

Do *not* use **I'll ...** for something you decided before (⇒ Units 26–27):
- I’m working tomorrow. (not ‘I’ll work’)
- There’s a good film on TV tonight. I’m **going to watch** it. (not ‘I’ll watch’)
- What are you doing at the weekend? (not ‘What will you do’)

**C**  
**Shall I ...?  Shall we ...?**

**Shall I/we ... ? =** Do you think this is a good thing to do? Do you think this is a good idea?
- It’s very warm in this room. **Shall I open** the window?
- ‘**Shall I phone** you this evening?’  ‘Yes, please.’
- I’m going to a party tonight. What **shall I wear**?
- It’s a nice day. **Shall we go** for a walk?
- Where **shall we go** for our holidays this year?
- ‘Let’s go out this evening.’  ‘OK, what time **shall we meet**?’
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29.1 Complete the sentences. Use I’ll (I will) + one of these verbs:

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<td>Enjoy your holiday.</td>
<td>Thank you.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>I don’t want this banana.</td>
<td>Well, I’m hungry.</td>
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<td>Do you want a chair?</td>
<td>No, it’s OK.</td>
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<td>Did you phone Jenny?</td>
<td>Oh no, I forgot.</td>
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<td>Are you coming with me?</td>
<td>No, I don’t think so.</td>
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<td>How do you use this camera?</td>
<td>Give it to me and... you.</td>
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29.2 Complete the sentences. Use I think I’ll ... or I don’t think I’ll ... + one of these verbs:

buy | go | have | play
---|---|---|---|
1 | It’s cold today. | I don’t think I’ll go out. |
2 | I’m hungry. | I’ll have something to eat. |
3 | I feel tired. | I’ll play tennis. |
4 | This camera is too expensive. | I don’t think I’ll buy it. |

29.3 Which is right?

1 Phone / I’ll phone you tomorrow, OK? I’ll phone is right
2 I haven’t done the shopping yet. I do / I’ll do it later.
3 I like sport. I watch / I’ll watch a lot of sport on TV.
4 I need some exercise. I think I go / I’ll go for a walk.
5 Jim is going to buy / will buy a new car. He told me last week.
6 “This letter is for Rose.” “OK, I give / I’ll give / I’m going to give it to her.”
A: Are you doing / Will you do anything this evening?
B: Yes, I’m going / I’ll go out with some friends.

29.4 Write sentences with Shall I ... ? Choose words from Box A and Box B.

A | turn on | make | turn off | open
---|---|---|---|---|
1 | It’s very warm in this room. | Shall I turn on the light? |
2 | This programme isn’t very good. | Shall I turn off the television? |
3 | I’m hungry. | Shall I make some sandwiches? |
4 | It’s dark in this room. | Shall I open the window? |

29.5 Write sentences with Shall we ... ? Choose words from Box A and Box B.

A | what | where | what-time | who
---|---|---|---|---|
1 | Let’s go out tonight. | Shall we meet what time? |
2 | Let’s have a holiday. | OK, what time shall we meet? |
3 | Let’s spend some money. | OK, what time shall we meet? |
4 | Let’s have a party. | OK, what time shall we meet? |