

What are you doing tomorrow?

A



They **are playing** tennis (now).

Today is Sunday.



He **is playing** tennis tomorrow.

We use **am/is/are + -ing** (*present continuous*) for something happening now:

- "Where are Sue and Amanda?" "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:

- Sophie **is going** to the dentist on Friday.
(= she has an appointment with the dentist)
- We're **having** a party next weekend.
- **Are you meeting** your friends tonight?
- What **are you doing** tomorrow night?
- I'm **not going** out tonight. I'm **staying** at home.

You can also say, "I'm **going** to do something." (→ Unit 27).



C

Be careful! Do not use the *simple present* (**I stay / do you go**, etc.) to say what somebody has arranged to do:

- I'm **staying** at home this evening. (*not I stay*)
- **Are you going** out tonight? (*not Do you go*)
- Lisa **isn't coming** to the party next week. (*not Lisa doesn't come*)

But we use the *simple present* for schedules (buses, movies, classes, etc.):

- The plane **arrives** in New York at 7:30 tomorrow morning.
- What time **does** the movie **end** tonight?

Compare:

Present continuous (usually for people)

- I'm **going** to a concert tomorrow.
- What time **are you leaving**?

Simple present (for schedules)

- The concert **starts** at 7:30.
- What time **does** your plane **leave**?

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



1. Andrew is playing tennis on Friday.
2. Richard _____ to the movies.
3. Rachel _____
4. _____ lunch with Ken.
5. _____

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 night?) _____
4. (what time / your friends / come?) _____
5. (when / Liz / go / on vacation?) _____

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 theater on Monday.
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

26.4 Put the verb in the present continuous (he is leaving, etc.) or simple present (the train leaves, etc.).

1. " Are you going (you / go) out tonight?" "No, I'm too tired."
2. We're going (we / go) to a concert tonight. It starts (it / start) at 7:30.
3. Listen to this! _____ (Karen / get) married next month!
4. A: My parents _____ (go) on vacation next week.
B: Oh, that's nice. Where _____ (they / go)?
5. Silvia is taking an English course this semester. The course _____ (end) on Friday.
6. There's a party tomorrow night, 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 8:00.
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 movies tonight?
B: Yes, what time _____ (the movie / begin)?
10. A: What _____ (you / do) tomorrow afternoon?
B: _____ (I / work).