

W: What are you going to order?

M: I'm not sure. I think I'll have fish. What about you?

W: I'm going to order steak and chips. I always have steak!

M: That sounds nice. Maybe I'll have the steak too.

[later]

M: Sorry but I'm getting a train in half an hour. I have to go. It was delicious.

W: Sure. No problem. I'll pay.

M: Really? That's very kind of you.

Presentation

Present continuous

Use the present continuous to talk about a fixed arrangement in the future. We often mention a time.

I'm getting a train in half an hour.

We're meeting my friends at nine.

be going to

Use *be going to* + infinitive to talk about general plans and intentions.

I'm going to order steak.

What are you going to order?

will

Use *will* (without *to*):

- to make a decision when speaking:

I'm not sure. I think I'll have fish ... Or maybe I'll have steak.

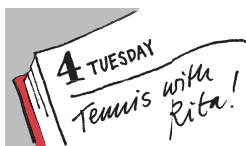
- to make promises and offers:

I promise I'll pay.

I'll get the bill.

Exercises

- 1 Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use *going to*, *will* or the present continuous. Then listen and check.



- 1 Rita and I / play / on

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- 2 It's OK. I / pay / lunch

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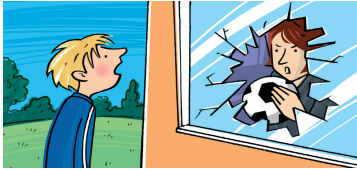


- 3 This year / I / learn

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2 Complete the conversations with the present continuous or will.

- 1 A: What are you doing on Tuesday?
B: I'm having (I have) lunch with Jerry.
- 2 A: Let's ask the waiter for the bill.
B: Good idea. _____ (I pay) it.
- 3 A: When _____ (you get) married?
B: On the 25th of June.
- 4 A: Where _____ (you go) for your holidays this year?
B: To Greece.
- 5 A: I haven't got any money!
B: Don't worry. _____ (I lend) you some.
- 6 A: Sorry but I'm going to be late.
B: That's OK. _____ (we wait) for you.

3 Look at the pictures. Tick what the person says.

- 1 I'm going to pay for it.
I'll pay for it. ✓



- 2 I'm going to have a holiday in Florida!
I'll have a holiday in Florida.



- 3 I'll help you.
I'm going to help you.



- 4 I'll be a doctor like my father.
I'm going to be a doctor like my father.



- 5 I'll get it.
I'm going to get it.



- 6 I'll have a party tonight.
I'm going to have a party tonight.

4 Complete the sentences with I'm going to or I think I'll.

- 1 I'm going to see Real Madrid play AC Milan: I've got tickets.
- 2 The sun's come out. _____ go to the beach.
- 3 I've sold my car. _____ buy a new one.
- 4 It's getting dark. _____ turn on the light.
- 5 I'm going to Tokyo for six months. _____ study Japanese.