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Present tenses (**I am doing / I do**) for the future

A Present continuous (**I am doing**) with a future meaning



This is Ben's diary for next week.

He **is playing** tennis on Monday afternoon.

He **is going** to the dentist on Tuesday morning.

He **is meeting** Kate on Friday.

In all these examples, Ben has already decided and arranged to do these things.

I'm doing something (tomorrow etc.) = I have already decided and arranged to do it:

- A: What **are you doing** on Saturday evening? (*not* What do you do)
- B: **I'm going** to the cinema. (*not* I go)
- A: What time **is** Katherine **arriving** tomorrow?
- B: Half past ten. We **'re meeting** her at the station.
- I'm not working** tomorrow, so we can go out somewhere.
- Steve **isn't playing** football next Saturday. He's hurt his leg.

We do not normally use **will** to talk about what we have arranged to do:

- What **are you doing** tonight? (*not* What will you do)
- Alex **is getting** married next month. (*not* will get)

We also use the present continuous for an action *just before you start to do it*. This happens especially with verbs of movement (**go/come/leave** etc.):

- I'm tired. **I'm going** to bed now. Goodnight. (*not* I go to bed now)
- 'Tina, are you ready yet?' 'Yes, **I'm coming**.' (*not* I come)

B Present simple (**I do**) with a future meaning

We use the present simple when we talk about timetables and programmes (for example, transport or cinema times):

- I have to go. My train **leaves** at 11.30.
- What time **does** the film **start** tonight?
- The meeting **is** at nine o'clock tomorrow.

You can use the present simple to talk about people if their plans are fixed like a timetable:

- I **start** my new job on Monday.
- What time **do** you **finish** work tomorrow?

But the continuous is more usual for other personal arrangements:

- What time **are** you **meeting** Kate tomorrow? (*not* do you meet)

Compare:

Present continuous

- What time **are** you **arriving**?
- I'm going** to the cinema this evening.

Present simple

- What time **does** the train **arrive**?
- The film **starts** at 8.15.

When you talk about appointments, lessons, exams etc., you can use **I have** or **I've got**:

- I have** an exam next week. *or* **I've got** an exam next week.

Exercises



ANNA

19.1 Ask Anna about her holiday plans.

- 1 (where / go?) *Where are you going?*
- 2 (how long / go for?)
- 3 (when / leave?)
- 4 (go / alone?)
- 5 (travel / by car?)
- 6 (where / stay?)

Scotland.
Ten days.
Next Friday.
No, with a friend.
No, by train.
In a hotel.

19.2 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Steve *isn't playing* (not / play) football on Saturday. He's hurt his leg.
- 2 (We / have) a party next week. We've invited all our friends.
- 3 (I / not / work) tomorrow. It's a public holiday.
- 4 (I / leave) now. I've come to say goodbye.
- 5 'What time (you / go) out this evening?' 'Seven o'clock.'
- 6 (Laura / not / come) to the party tomorrow. She isn't well.
- 7 I love New York. (I / go) there soon.
- 8 Ben can't meet us on Monday. (He / work) late.

19.3 Have you arranged to do anything at these times? Write sentences about yourself.

- 1 (this evening) *I'm not doing anything this evening.*
- 2 (tomorrow morning) I
- 3 (tomorrow evening) I
- 4 (next Sunday) I
- 5 (another day or time)

19.4 Complete the sentences. Use the present continuous or present simple.

- 1 A: Tina, are you ready yet?
B: Yes, *I'm coming* (I / come).
- 2 A: (you / go) to Sam's party on Saturday?
B: No, I haven't been invited.
- 3 A: Has Jack moved into his new apartment yet?
B: Not yet, but (he / move) soon – probably at the end of the month.
- 4 A: (I / go) to a concert tonight.
B: That's nice. What time (it / start)?
- 5 A: Have you seen Chris recently?
B: No, but (we / meet) for lunch next week.
- 6 A: (you / do) anything tomorrow morning?
B: No, I'm free. Why?
- 7 A: When (this term / end)?
B: Next Friday. And next term (start) four weeks after that.
- 8 A: (We / go) to a wedding at the weekend.
B: Really? (Who / get) married?
- 9 A: There's football on TV later tonight. (you / watch) it?
B: No, I'm not interested.
- 10 A: What time is your train tomorrow?
B: It (leave) at 9.35 and (arrive) at 12.47.
- 11 A: I'd like to go and see the exhibition at the museum. How long is it on for?
B: (It / finish) next week.
- 12 A: Do you need the car this evening?
B: No, you can have it. (I / not / use) it.

I'm going to (do)

A I am going to do something = I have already decided to do it, I intend to do it:

- 'Are you **going to eat** anything?' 'No, I'm not hungry.'
- A: I hear Sarah won the lottery. What **is** she **going to do** with the money?
B: She's **going to buy** a new car.
- I'm just **going to make** a quick phone call. Can you wait for me?
- This cheese smells horrible. I'm **not going to eat** it.

B I am doing and I am going to do

I am doing = it is *already fixed or arranged*. For example, you have arranged to go somewhere or meet somebody:

- I'm **leaving** next week. I've booked my flight.
- What time **are** you **meeting** Emily this evening?

I am going to do something = I've decided to do it. Maybe I've arranged to do it, maybe not.

- A: Your shoes are dirty.
B: Yes, I know. I'm **going to clean** them.
(= I've *decided* to clean them, but I haven't arranged this with anybody)
- I don't want to stay here. Tomorrow I'm **going to look** for somewhere else to stay.

Compare:

- I don't know what I'm **doing** tomorrow. (= I don't know my schedule or plans)
- I don't know what I'm **going to do** about the problem. (= I haven't decided what to do)

Often the difference is small and either form is possible.

C You can also say that 'something **is going to happen**' in the future. For example:



The man isn't looking where he is going.

He **is going to walk** into the wall.

When we say that 'something **is going to happen**', the situation *now* makes this clear.

The man is walking towards the wall now, so we can see that he **is going to walk** into it.

Some more examples:

- Look at those black clouds! It's **going to rain**. (we can see the clouds *now*)
- I feel terrible. I think I'm **going to be** sick. (I feel terrible *now*)
- The economic situation is bad now and things **are going to get** worse.

D I was going to do something = I intended to do it, but didn't do it:

- We **were going to travel** by train, but then we decided to drive instead.
- I **was** just **going to cross** the road when somebody shouted 'Stop!'

You can say that 'something **was going to happen**' (but didn't happen):

- I thought it **was going to rain**, but it didn't.

Exercises

20.1 Write questions with **going to**.

- Your friend has won some money. You ask:
(what / do?) *What are you going to do with it?*
- Your friend is going to a wedding next week. You ask:
(what / wear?)
- Your friend has just bought a new table. You ask:
(where / put?)
- Your friend has decided to have a party. You ask:
(who / invite?)
- Your friend has bought some fish for dinner. You ask:
(how / cook?)

20.2 Complete the sentences using **I'm going to ... / I'm not going to ...**. Choose from:

complain learn run say try wash not/accept ~~not/eat~~ not/tell

- This cheese smells horrible. *I'm not going to eat* it.
- I haven't been trying hard enough. From now on harder.
- I have to make a speech tomorrow, but I don't know what
- 'The car is very dirty.' 'I know. it.'
- I've been offered a job, but it. The pay is too low.
- a language, but I haven't decided yet which one.
- One day in a marathon. It's my ambition.
- The food in this restaurant is awful.
- Ben doesn't need to know what happened, so him.

20.3 What is going to happen in these situations? Use the words in brackets.

- There are a lot of black clouds in the sky.
(rain) *It's going to rain.*
- It is 8.30. Tom is leaving home. He has to be at work at 8.45, but the journey takes 30 minutes.
(late) He
- There is a hole in the bottom of the boat. A lot of water is coming in through the hole.
(sink) The boat
- Amy and Ben are driving. The tank is nearly empty. It's a long way to the nearest petrol station.
(run out) They
- Sarah's car was badly damaged in an accident. Now it has to be repaired.
(cost a lot) It to repair the car.

20.4 Complete the sentences with **was/were going to**. Choose from:

be buy give up phone play say ~~travel~~

- We *were going to travel* by train, but then we decided to go by car instead.
- I some new clothes yesterday, but I didn't have time to go to the shops.
- Tom and I tennis last week, but he'd hurt his knee and had to cancel.
- I Jane, but I sent her an email instead.
- I thought the exam hard, but it was easier than I expected.
- Peter his job, but in the end he decided to stay where he was.
- I'm sorry I interrupted you. What you ..?

will and shall 1

A We use **I'll ... (= I will)** when we've just decided to do something. When we say '**I'll** do something', we announce our decision:

- Oh, I left the door open. **I'll go** and shut it.
- 'What would you like to drink?' '**I'll have** orange juice, please.'
- 'Did you call Max?' 'Oh no, I forgot. **I'll call** him now.'

We do not use the *present simple* (**I do / I go** etc.) in these sentences:

- I'll phone** him now. (*not* I phone him now)

We often use **I think I'll ... / I don't think I'll ...**:

- I'm a little hungry. **I think I'll have** something to eat.
- I don't think I'll go** out tonight. I'm too tired.

In spoken English **will not** is usually **won't**:

- I can see you're busy, so **I won't stay** long. (= I will not stay long)

B We often use **I'll** in these situations:

Offering to do something

- That bag looks heavy. **I'll help** you with it. (*not* I help)

Agreeing to do something

- A: Can you give Tom this book?
B: Sure, **I'll give** it to him when I see him this afternoon.

Promising to do something

- Thanks for lending me the money. **I'll pay** you back on Friday.
- I won't tell** anyone what happened. I promise.



We use **won't** to say that somebody refuses to do something:

- I've tried to give her advice, but she **won't listen**.
- The car **won't start**. (= the car 'refuses' to start)

Will you (do something)? = please do it:

- Will you** please turn the music down? It's too loud.

The car **won't start**.



C We do *not* use **will** to talk about what has been decided or arranged before:

- I'm going** on holiday next Saturday. (*not* I'll go)

Compare:

- I'm meeting** Kate tomorrow morning. (decided before)
- A: **I'll meet** you at half past ten, OK?
B: Fine. See you then. (decided now)

D We use **shall** mostly in the questions **shall I ... ? / shall we ... ?**

We use **shall I ... ? / shall we ... ?** to ask if it's OK to do something or to ask for a suggestion:

- Shall I** open the window? (= do you want me to open it?)
- I've got no money. What **shall I** do? (= what do you suggest?)
- '**Shall we** go?' 'Just a minute. I'm not ready yet.'
- 'Where **shall we** have lunch?' 'Let's go to Marino's.'

Compare **shall I ... ?** and **will you ... ?**:

- Shall I** shut the door? (= do you want me to shut it?)
- Will you** shut the door? (= I want you to shut it)

Exercises

21.1 Complete the sentences with **I'll** + a suitable verb.

- 1 'How are you going to get home?' 'I think I'll take a taxi.'
- 2 'It's cold in this room.' 'Is it? on the heating then.'
- 3 'Are you free next Friday?' 'Let me see. my diary.'
- 4 'Shall I do the washing-up?' 'No, it's all right. it later.'
- 5 'I don't know how to use this phone.' 'OK, you.'
- 6 'Would you like tea or coffee?' '..... coffee, please.'
- 7 'Are you coming with us?' 'No, I think here.'
- 8 'Can you finish this report today?' 'Well,, but I can't promise.'

21.2 Read the situations and write sentences with **I think I'll ...** or **I don't think I'll ...**.

- 1 It's a bit cold. The window is open and you decide to close it. You say:
It's cold with the window open. I think I'll close it.
- 2 You are feeling tired and it's getting late. You decide to go to bed. You say:
I'm tired, so Goodnight!
- 3 The weather is nice and you need some exercise. You decide to go for a walk. You say:
It's a lovely morning. Do you want to come too?
- 4 You were going to have lunch. Now you decide you don't want to eat anything. You say:
I don't feel hungry any more. lunch.
- 5 You planned to go swimming today. Now you decide not to go. You say:
I've got a lot to do, so today.

21.3 Which is correct?

- 1 'Did you call Max?' 'Oh no, I forgot. +call/ I'll call him now.' (*I'll call is correct*)
- 2 I can't meet you tomorrow morning. I'm playing / I'll play tennis. (*I'm playing is correct*)
- 3 'I meet / I'll meet you outside the hotel at 10.30, OK?' 'Yes, that's fine.'
- 4 'Please don't go yet.' 'OK, I'm staying / I'll stay a little longer, but I have to go soon.'
- 5 'I'm having / I'll have a party next Saturday. I hope you can come.'
- 6 'Remember to lock the door when you go out.' 'OK. I don't forget / I won't forget.'
- 7 'Do you have any plans for the weekend?' 'Yes, we're going / we'll go to a wedding.'
- 8 'Are you doing / Will you do anything tomorrow evening?' 'No, I'm free. Why?'
- 9 'Do you do / Will you do something for me?' 'It depends. What do you want me to do?'
- 10 'Do you go / Will you go to work by car?' 'Not usually. I prefer to walk.'
- 11 I asked Sue what happened, but she doesn't tell / won't tell me.
- 12 I don't know if I can win the race tomorrow, but I'm doing / I'll do my best.

21.4 What do you say in these situations? Write sentences with **shall I ... ?** or **shall we ... ?**

- 1 You and a friend want to do something this evening, but you don't know what.
You say: What shall we do this evening? Do you want to go somewhere?
- 2 You and a friend are going on holiday together, but you have to decide where.
You ask your friend:
- 3 You try on a jacket in a shop. You are not sure whether to buy it or not.
You ask a friend for advice:? What do you think?
- 4 You and a friend are going out. You have to decide whether to get a taxi or to walk.
You ask your friend: or
- 5 It's Helen's birthday soon. You want to give her a present, but what?
You ask a friend: What? Any ideas?
- 6 You're meeting a friend tomorrow, but you have to decide what time.
You say:? Is 10.30 OK for you?