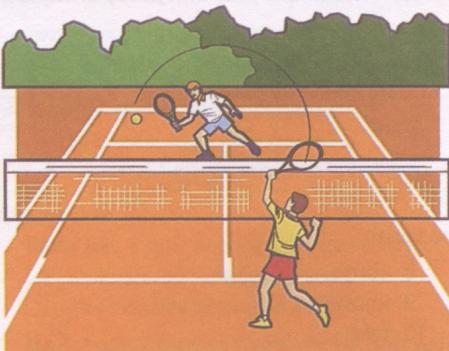


What are you doing tomorrow?

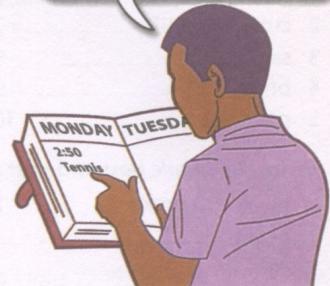
A



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

today is Sunday

I'm playing tennis tomorrow.



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** home.

You can also say "**I'm going** to do something" (→ Unit 25).



C

We use the *present continuous* (**I'm staying** / **are you coming** etc.) to say what somebody has arranged to do:

- I'm **staying** home tomorrow. (*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* (**start**, **arrives**, etc.) for schedules, programs, trains, buses, etc.:

- Our 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**?

Exercises

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



1 Andrew is playing tennis on Friday.
 2 Dan to the movies.
 3 Rachel
 4 lunch with Will.
 5

24.2 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?)

24.3 Write sentences about yourself. What are you doing in the next few days?

1 **I'm staying home tonight.**
 2 **I'm going to the theater on Monday.**
 3
 4
 5
 6

24.4 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 Ana 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).
 11 (I/visit) my grandparents next weekend.