

35 Future arrangements

You can use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening now. You can also use it to talk about arrangements for the future.

 **New language** Future with present continuous

 **Aa Vocabulary** Excuses

 **New skill** Talking about future arrangements

35.1 KEY LANGUAGE PRESENT CONTINUOUS WITH FUTURE EVENTS

Use time phrases to show whether a verb in the present continuous refers to the present or the future.



"At the moment" refers to the present.

At the moment **Dave is working**, but **tomorrow** he **is playing golf**.

Time clause "tomorrow" refers to the future.

Present continuous refers to a future event that is planned.



35.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES PRESENT CONTINUOUS WITH FUTURE EVENTS

 **Jack's playing soccer now**, then **later he's seeing** a movie. 

 **Sue is studying now**, but **this evening** she's **visiting** a friend. 

 **Today, I'm playing tennis**, but **I'm playing golf tomorrow**. 

 **I'm reading at the moment**, but **I'm going running later**. 

You can use the time word or phrase at the start or end of a clause.



35.3 KEY LANGUAGE "ON / IN" WITH DAYS, MONTHS, AND DATES

Use the preposition "on" in front of days of the week and specific dates. Use "in" with months and years.

I'm working on Tuesday.



I'm working on May 9th.

I'm retiring in June.



I'm retiring in 2035.





35.4 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

I am watching (watch) TV with my friends tonight.

1 John's cousins are coming (come) to the party tomorrow.

2 I am going (go) to the dentist tomorrow morning.

3 My family and I are visiting (visit) my grandma on Saturday.

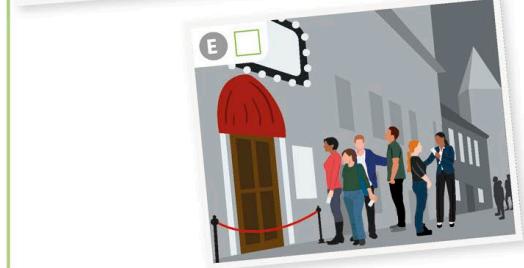
4 The managers in my office are having (have) a meeting this afternoon.

5 A famous band are playing (play) in Central Park this weekend.

6 He is studying (study) for his test tomorrow.



35.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER YOU HEAR THEM



35.6 KEY LANGUAGE MAKING EXCUSES

Sometimes you need to say why you can't do something. To be polite, use an expression like "Sorry, I can't" before saying what your other plans are.



Would you like to go to the movies tonight?

Sorry, I can't. I'm working late.

To be polite,
apologize first.

Use the present continuous to say
what you are doing instead.



35.7 FURTHER EXAMPLES MAKING EXCUSES

I'd like to, but I'm going to the dentist.



I'd love to, but I'm meeting friends.



That would be fun, but I'm visiting family.



That sounds nice, but I'm playing baseball.



35.8 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

tonight. fun, but theater That the I'm going to would be

That would be fun, but I'm going to the theater tonight.

1 my parents I'm Sorry, I can't. visiting this evening.

2 this like to, but weekend. I'd France going to I'm

3 sounds but I'm going That on Tuesday. nice, swimming

4 love to, I'm looking after I'd my nephew tomorrow. but



35.9 ANSWER EACH INVITATION OUT LOUD, USING AN EXCUSE FROM THE DIARY

September 2020

21 SATURDAY

9am - Play soccer with Eva.

Noon - Go to lunch with Aziz.

1:30-3pm - Look after Sandy's baby.

4pm - Go to yoga class.

6pm - Go to dinner with Marco and Olivia.

7:30pm - Go to the theater to see a musical.

Would you like to come swimming at 9am?

I'd love to, but I'm playing
soccer with Eva.

1 Would you like to come to dinner tonight?

I'd like to, but _____

2 Would you like to go to lunch today?

Sorry, I can't. _____

3 Would you like to play tennis at 7:30pm?

That would be fun, but _____

4 Would you like to go shopping at 2pm?

That sounds nice, but _____

5 Would you like to go to a dance class at 4pm?

I'd like to, but _____

35 CHECKLIST

 Future with present continuous

 Aa Excuses

 Talking about future arrangements