

# 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** Dave **is working**,  but **tomorrow** he **is playing** golf.

"At the moment" refers to the present.

Present continuous refers to Dave's present activity.


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**.

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

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



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (come ) to the party tomorrow.

② I \_\_\_\_\_ (go ) to the dentist tomorrow morning.

③ My family and I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit ) my grandma on Saturday.

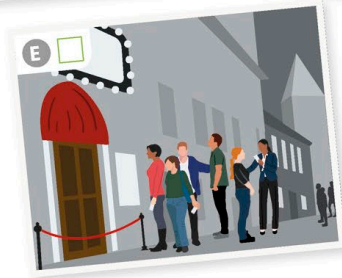
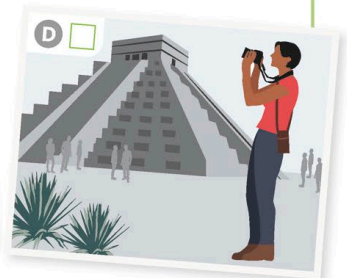
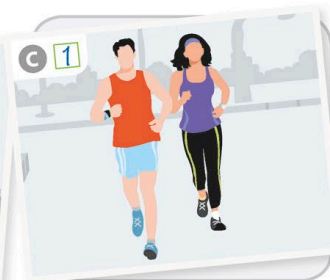
④ The managers in my office \_\_\_\_\_ (have ) a meeting this afternoon.

⑤ A famous band \_\_\_\_\_ (play ) in Central Park this weekend.

⑥ He \_\_\_\_\_ (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.



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



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



**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 ☐