

36 Future arrangements

In English, the present continuous can be used when talking about future arrangements that have already been planned for a specific time.

 **New language** Present continuous for plans

 **Aa Vocabulary** Collocations with "take"

 **New skill** Talking about future arrangements

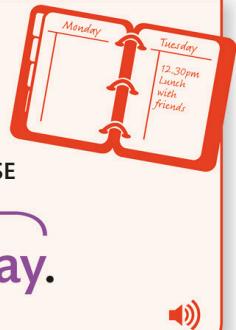
36.1 KEY LANGUAGE PRESENT CONTINUOUS FOR FUTURE PLANS

You can use present continuous verbs paired with future time clauses to talk about future events that are already planned.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Jane is having lunch with friends next Tuesday.

FUTURE TIME CLAUSE



36.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES PRESENT CONTINUOUS FOR FUTURE PLANS



She is going to the ballet tonight.



I'm seeing the dentist tomorrow.



She's having coffee with Paul later.



We're playing tennis this evening.



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

Alannah is playing (play) tennis with Carrie on Saturday at 2pm.

1 Thomas is catching (catch) the train at 6pm, so he can get to the restaurant by 7pm.

2 Nahid and Eric are going (go) to Sally's birthday party next Friday.

3 We are meeting (meet) Nicole and Yuri at the beach this Saturday.

4 Sonia is working out (work out) at the gym tomorrow because she's training for a marathon.

5 Lottie is singing (sing) in a concert this weekend at the city's concert hall.





36.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Hugo and Laura are see a play at the Palace Theater on Saturday night.

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1 Susan playing chess with Kai on Tuesday at 8pm to prepare for the championships.

2 Vicky visits her grandmother in Finland next week. She's really looking forward to the trip.

3 Michelle are going to Roy's surprise birthday party on Friday night. It should be a fun night!

4 Andrew have lunch with Rosi and Maggie on Thursday at 1:30pm at their local café.



36.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Maria is on the phone to Catherine, arranging a time to meet up for coffee or lunch.

What is Maria doing on Monday before work?

Going swimming

Playing tennis

Going to the beach

3 What evening is Omar returning home?

Monday

Thursday

Saturday

1 When is Maria having lunch with Adrian?

Monday at 1pm

Tuesday at noon

Thursday at 1pm

4 Who is visiting Maria's family for the weekend?

Catherine

Jude

Omar's brother

2 Who is coming for lunch on Thursday?

Jude

Adrian

Omar's brother

5 Where are Maria and Catherine going to meet?

Ricky's café

Skating rink

Catherine's house

36.6 KEY LANGUAGE COLLOCATIONS WITH "TAKE"

The verb "take" often appears in English collocations.

She's **taking a trip** to the beach next weekend.



He **takes care** of his dog by feeding him healthy snacks.



She **took a look** at the paintings at her local art gallery.



After his performance, he **took a bow** as the audience clapped.



They got on the train and **took their seats**.



He's **taking time off** work this month to go on holiday.



I **took time out** from my busy day to eat lunch with a friend.



I **took a picture** of the sunrise from my bedroom window.



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36.7 MATCH THE DEFINITIONS TO THE COLLOCATIONS

- Sit down
- 1 Look at something
- 2 Look after
- 3 Go somewhere for pleasure
- 4 Photograph something
- 5 Acknowledge applause
- 6 Stop working for a short time

- Take a look
- Take care of
- Take a seat
- Take a bow
- Take a trip
- Take time out
- Take a picture





36.8 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED



36.9 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

Adam is going to take a picture of the beach at sunset.



taking time out

take a picture

1 Violet is looking after Stella's dog this weekend.



taking time off

2 The children are going to the ice rink tomorrow.



take a look

3 I'm not going to work this afternoon because I don't feel well.



taking a trip

4 Connor is planning to check the competition entries today.



taking care of

5 I'm freeing time from my schedule to meet friends this weekend.



36 ✓ CHECKLIST

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Aa Collocations with "take"

Jigsaw Talking about future arrangements