

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.

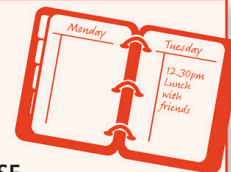
 **New language** Present continuous for plans

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

FUTURE TIME CLAUSE

Jane **is having** lunch with friends **next Tuesday**.



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 _____ (catch) the train at 6pm, so he can get to the restaurant by 7pm.

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

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

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

5 Lottie _____ (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		Take a look
1	Look at something		Take care of
2	Look after		Take a seat
3	Go somewhere for pleasure		Take a bow
4	Photograph something		Take a trip
5	Acknowledge applause		Take time out
6	Stop working for a short time		Take a picture

A blue arrow points from the box "Sit down" to the box "Take a seat".





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

1 Violet is _____ Stella's dog this weekend.

~~take a picture~~

2 The children are _____ to the ice rink tomorrow.

taking time off

3 I'm _____ from work this afternoon because I don't feel well.

take a look

4 Connor is planning to _____ at the competition entries today.

taking a trip

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

taking care of

36 ✓ CHECKLIST



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Talking about future arrangements ☐