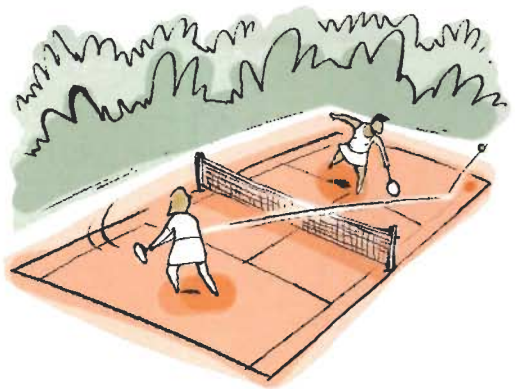
Unit 25 What are you doing tomorrow?

A



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

today is Sunday



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 evening?
- **I'm** not **going** out tonight. **I'm staying** at home.

You can also say '**I'm going to** do something' (→ Unit 26).



C

Be careful! Do not use the *present simple* (**I stay** / **do you go** etc.) to say what somebody has arranged to do:

- **I'm staying** at home this evening. (*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 present simple for timetables, programmes, trains, buses etc. :

- The train **arrives** at 7.30.
- What time **does** the film **finish**?

Compare:

present continuous (usually for people)	*present simple* (for timetables, programmes etc.)
I'm going to a concert tomorrow.	The concert **starts** at 7.30.
What time **are** you **leaving**?	What time **does** your train **leave**?

present continuous → Units 3–4 present simple → Units 5–7 I'm going to ... → Unit 26

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



1 Andrew is playing tennis on Friday.
2 Richard ..... to the cinema.
3 Rachel .....
4 ..... lunch with Ken.
5 .....

25.2 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 evening?) .....
4 (what time / your friends / come?) .....
5 (when / Liz / go / on holiday?) .....

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

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

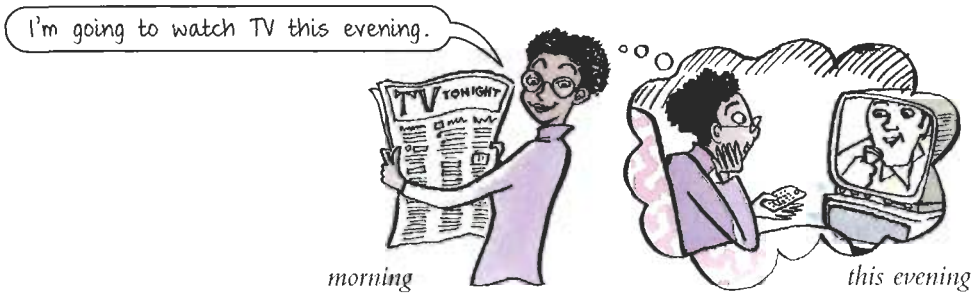
25.4 Put the verb in the present continuous (he is leaving etc.) or present simple (the train leaves etc.).

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 Do you know about Sally? ..... (she/get) married next month!
4 A: My parents ..... (go) on holiday next week.
B: Oh, that's nice. Where ..... (they/go)?
5 Silvia is doing an English course at the moment. The course ..... (finish) 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) outside the Royal Hotel at 8 o'clock.
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 cinema tonight?
B: Yes, what time ..... (the film / begin)?
10 A: What ..... (you/do) tomorrow afternoon?
B: ..... (I/work).

Unit 26 I'm going to ...

A

I'm going to do something



She **is going to watch** TV this evening.

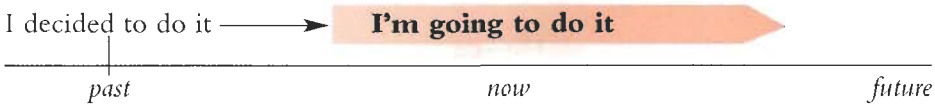
We use **am/is/are going to** ... for the *future:*

I	**am**		do ...
he/she/it	**is**	(not) **going to**	drink ...
we/you/they	**are**		watch ...

am	I		buy ... ?
is	he/she/it	**going to**	eat ... ?
are	we/you/they		wear ... ?

B

I am going to do something = I have decided to do it, my intention is to do it:



- **I'm going to buy** some books tomorrow.
- Sarah **is going to sell** her car.
- **I'm not going to have** breakfast this morning. I'm not hungry.
- What **are** you **going to wear** to the wedding next week?
- 'Your hands are dirty.' 'Yes, I know. **I'm going to wash** them.'
- **Are** you **going to invite** Martin to your party?

We also use the present continuous (**I am doing**) for the future, usually for arrangements (→ Unit 25):

- I **am playing** tennis with Julia tomorrow.

C

Something **is going to happen**

Something **is going to happen** = we can see *now* that it is sure to happen:

- Look at the sky! **It's going to rain.**
  (black clouds *now* → rain)
- Oh dear! It's 9 o'clock and I'm not ready.
  I'm going to be late.
  (9 o'clock *now* and not ready → late)



present for the future → Unit 25 will → Units 27–28

26.1 What are these people saying?

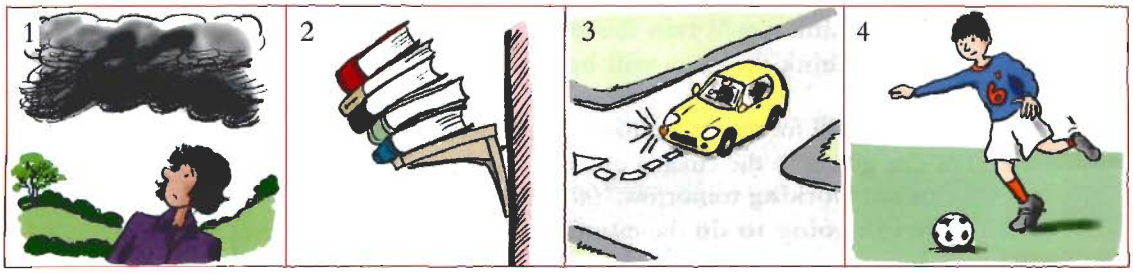


26.2 Complete the sentences. Use going to + these verbs:

do eat give lie down stay walk ~~wash~~ watch ~~wear~~

1 My hands are dirty. I'm going to wash them.
2 What are you going to wear to the party tonight?
3 It's a nice day. I don't want to take the bus. I .....
4 Steve is going to London next week. He ..... with some friends.
5 I'm hungry. I ..... this sandwich.
6 It's Sharon's birthday next week. We ..... her a present.
7 Sue says she's feeling very tired. She ..... for an hour.
8 There's a good film on Channel 6 tonight. ..... you ..... it?
9 What ..... Rachel ..... when she leaves school?

26.3 Look at the pictures. What is going to happen?



1 It's going to rain.
2 The shelf .....
3 The car .....
4 He .....

26.4 What are you going to do today or tomorrow? Write three sentences.

1 I'm .....
2 .....
3 .....