

The Present Continuous

Use

You use the present continuous tense to talk about definite future plans.

Form

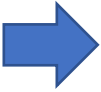







You form the present continuous with *be* and the *-ing* form of the verb.

When you speak you usually use short forms

You often use a future time marker with the present continuous

Positive				
“be” + “ing” verbs				
		Short Form	walking to the park cooking dinner waiting for a friend	Future time marker
I	am	I’m		Tomorrow On Friday Next Week
You	are	You’re		
We		We’re		
They		They’re		
He	is	He’s		
She		She’s		
It		It’s		
Negative				
“be” + “not” + “ing” verbs				
		Short Form	walking to the park cooking dinner waiting for a friend	Future time marker
I	am not	I’m not		Tomorrow On Friday Next Week
You	are not	You’re not		
We		We’re not		
They		They’re not		
He	is not	He isn’t		
She		She isn’t		
It		It isn’t		

Change these sentences to their short form

<i>I am seeing my friends tonight</i>		<i>I'm seeing my friends tonight</i>
<i>You are going to the concert next week</i>		
<i>We are leaving the ship now</i>		
<i>They are buying a chair this afternoon</i>		
<i>She is staying at the new hotel in February</i>		
<i>He is arriving at ten o' clock</i>		
<i>It is snowing now</i>		
<i>He is not working today</i>		
<i>It is not raining now</i>	