

Grammar Worksheet: Making Plans for the Future

Topic: Present Continuous for Future Arrangements

Level: Elementary

*In English, we often use the **Present Continuous** (am/is/are + verb-ing) to talk about personal arrangements or plans we have already made for a specific time in the future.*

Exercise 1: Matching Weekend Plans

Match the beginning of the sentence (1-5) with the correct ending (A-E) to create a logical future plan.

Number	Sentence Start			Sentence Ending
1	I am going to the cinema...		A	...the doctor at 10:00 AM.
2	We are eating dinner...		B	...to see the new superhero movie.
3	She is seeing...		C	...the world next summer.
4	They are traveling...		D	...at a fancy Italian restaurant.
5	My brother is washing...		E	...his car on Sunday afternoon.

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct form of "be + -ing" for the verbs in brackets. Look at the example first.

Example: I **am meeting** (meet) my friend at 5:00 PM today.

1. We _____ (have) a pizza party this Friday night.
2. My sister _____ (fly) to London tomorrow morning.
3. They _____ (play) football in the park on Saturday.
4. I _____ (visit) my grandmother this weekend.
5. He _____ (start) his new job on Monday morning.

Exercise 3: Reading Comprehension – The Surprise Party

Read the short story below and answer the questions that follow.

The Big Surprise

Next Saturday is Mark's birthday, and his friends are planning a big surprise! Sarah is buying the birthday cake on Friday afternoon. On Saturday at 5:00 PM, Lucy and Tom are decorating the living room with balloons. We are all meeting at Mark's house at 6:00 PM. We are hiding behind the sofa because Mark is arriving at 6:30 PM! After the surprise, we are playing music and dancing all night.

Answer the questions:

1. When is Sarah buying the cake?

2. What are Lucy and Tom doing at 5:00 PM?

3. Where are the friends hiding?

4. What time is Mark arriving?

5. What are they doing after the surprise?

Answer Key

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blanks

1. **are having**
2. **is flying**
3. **are playing**
4. **am visiting** (Feedback: Remember to use "am" with "I").
5. **is starting**

Exercise 2: Matching

1. **B** (I am going to the cinema to see the new superhero movie.)
2. **D** (We are eating dinner at a fancy Italian restaurant.)
3. **A** (She is seeing the doctor at 10:00 AM.)
4. **C** (They are traveling the world next summer.)
5. **E** (My brother is washing his car on Sunday afternoon.)

Exercise 3: Reading Comprehension

1. She is buying the cake on Friday afternoon.
2. They are decorating the living room.
3. They are hiding behind the sofa. (Feedback: We use "are hiding" because "they" or "the friends" is plural).
4. Mark is arriving at 6:30 PM.
5. They are playing music and dancing. (Feedback: Even though "dancing" is the second action, it still uses the "-ing" form to match "playing").