

Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *present progressive tense for future plans*

Focus: After this lesson, you will be able to use the *present progressive tense to talk about plans in the future*.

Read and understand the target language below.

We can use the **present progressive tense** to talk about plans for the future. The time or place have been decided, and the meaning is the same as **be going + infinitive (to + verb)**. For example:

- I'm going to see a movie tonight.
- I'm **seeing** a movie tonight.

- Paul is going to graduate school next month.
- Paul **is graduating** school next month.

The sentence structure for the **present progressive tense** is: **be verb (not) + present participle (verb -ing)**.

- He **is staying** at a small hotel for the conference this weekend.
- Deborah **is getting** a haircut later today.
- We **are driving** to New York next June.
- She **is not doing** anything this weekend.

For questions, we use the following structures:

Closed Questions: **be verb + subject + present participle (verb -ing)**

Q: **Are** you **seeing** a movie tonight?

A: Yes, I **am** (**seeing** a movie tonight).

No, I'm **not** (**seeing** a movie tonight).

Open Questions: **wh-question + be verb + subject + present participle (verb -ing)**

Q: **What are** you **doing** tonight?

A: I'm **seeing** a movie tonight.

Q: **Where are** you **going** for vacation?

A: I'm **driving** to New York with my friends in June.

Pre-Lesson Practice

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Practice: Now try an activity to help you use the target language.

Unscramble and write the sentences.

1: tennis / playing / . / I / morning / am / tomorrow

2: is / next / Jessica / classes / . / starting / month

3: teacher / talking / . / Frank / after / is / the / class / with

4: friends / week / they / visiting / . / are / next

5: seeing / tonight / ? / are / movie / we / a

6: on / is / tonight / Steve / ? / date / going / a

7: you / what / this / ? / are / weekend / doing

8: during / are / vacation / where / ? / going / spring / you

Answers

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Unscramble and write the sentences.

- 1: I am playing tennis tomorrow morning.
- 2: Jessica is starting classes next month.
- 3: Frank is talking with the teacher after class.
- 4: They are visiting friends next week.
- 5: Are we seeing a movie tonight?
- 6: Is Steve going on a date tonight?
- 7: What are you doing this weekend?
- 8: Where are you going during spring vacation?