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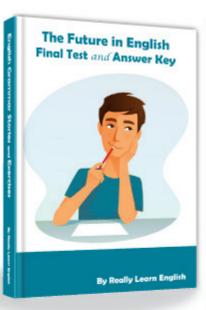
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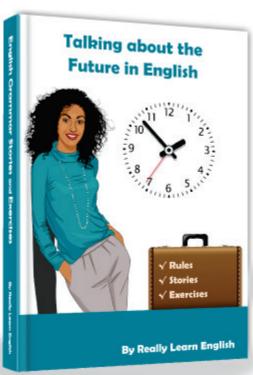
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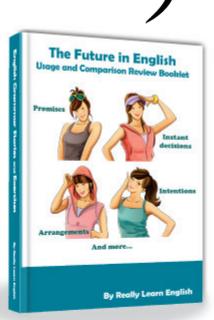
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Future Review Table

Tense	Uses	Examples
Present progressive	Arrangements	I <u>am meeting</u> Eliza at 4:00 tomorrow afternoon. Rick <u>is not attending</u> the meeting. <u>Is</u> Julia <u>coming</u> to the event?
Intentions		I <u>am going to start</u> eating healthier foods. We <u>are not going to miss</u> a single episode this season! <u>Are</u> you going to clean your room?
Be going to	Predictions based on current circumstances	Be careful! You <u>are going to spill</u> your tea! There are no clouds in the sky. It <u>is not going to rain</u> . The light is red. <u>Is</u> the car <u>going to stop</u> ?
	Promises	I <u>will pay</u> you back tomorrow. We <u>will not forget</u> Mom's birthday. <u>Will</u> you <u>take</u> the dog for a walk? *
Simple	Instant decisions	I am bored. I <u>will take</u> a short break. It is too cold. I <u>will not go</u> outside. <u>Will</u> you <u>have</u> juice or tea? *
future	Predictions	I think you will enjoy this book. Caroline will not arrive on time. Will people take vacations in space someday?
	Future facts	Wendy <u>will be</u> 30 next week. The sun <u>will not set</u> before 7:00 tomorrow evening. What time <u>will</u> the sun <u>rise</u> tomorrow?
Simple present	Time tables and schedules	All aboard! The train <u>leaves</u> in five minutes. Academic activities do not begin until February. <u>Does</u> Theodore's plane <u>arrive</u> soon?

*Logically, we cannot make promises or instant decisions in English in question form. When we use will in these situations in questions, as shown in the table, we are really making polite offers or polite requests.

In the first example, we ask someone politely to do something. They will then promise (or instantly decide) to do what we ask.

For example:

• Will you take the dog for a walk?

Yes, I will take him for a walk. (This can be understood as an instant decision or a promise.)

In the second example, we make a polite offer. The person we are speaking to will then make an instant decision. For example:

• Will you have juice or tea?

I will have tea, thank you. (This is an instant decision.)



The Future with the Present Progressive

The present progressive is a form of the verb that can show the action will happen in the future. We use it to talk about:

Arrangements

An arrangement is a specific plan that we have for the future. We have taken real steps to be sure we achieve this plan.

For example:

- I am having lunch with my aunt at 12:30 today.
 (I called her and we both agreed on the time.)
- We are flying to France on the 28th.
 (We bought the tickets.)
- Owen is seeing the dentist next Tuesday.
 (He made an appointment to see the dentist.)
- We are having a family reunion next week.
 (We invited everyone and arranged a place.)
- Rita is starting an art class this month.
 (She already reserved a spot in the class.)
- Paul and I are going to a concert tonight.
 (We bought the tickets.)
- The company is launching their new product next month.
 (They announced it and scheduled an event.)

Present Progressive Rules

Positive Sentences

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I	am		I am talking.
He/She/It	is	verb + ing	She is talking.
You/We/They	are		You are talking.

Negative Sentences

Who?	Form of verb		erb	Examples
1	am			I am not talking.
He/She/It	is	not	verb + ing	He is not talking.
You/We/They	are			We are not talking.

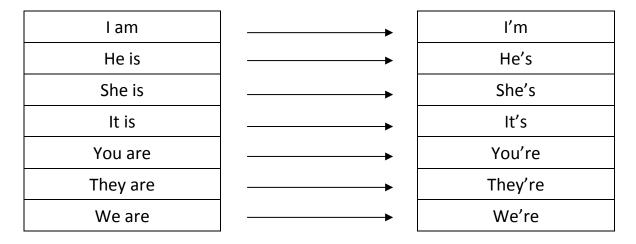
Question Sentences

Form of verb	Form of verb		Examples
Am	I		Am I talking?
Is	he/she/it	verb + ing	Is she talking?
Are	you/we/they		Are they talking?

Contractions with Am/Is/Are

When we use the present progressive in English, we use the verb "be."

Most native speakers use contractions with "am/is/are" when they are speaking. If they are writing something formal, they use "I am/He is/We are," but if they are speaking or write something informal, they almost always prefer a contraction.



When we are using the negative form of "be going to", it is very common to use a contraction. Again, if we are writing something formal, we use the full form, but in most cases of spoken English, we use the contractions in the table.

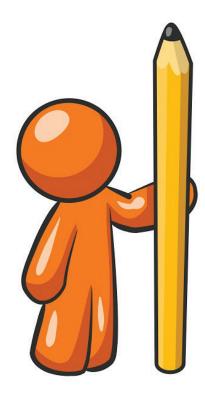
Here are the contractions with **be** and **not**:

I am not	-	I'm not
He is not	-	He's not / He isn't
She is not		She's not / She isn't
It is not	-	It's not / It isn't
You are not	-	You're not / You aren't
They are not	-	They're not / They aren't
We are not	-	We're not / We aren't

Your Turn

Write the contractions.

l am _	You are	He is	
She is	It is	We are	
They are	I am not	She is not	
It is not	We are not	They are not	



Exercise 1

Change the following positive arrangements into negative sentences.

1.	We are leaving for our holiday on Thursday afternoon.
2.	I am meeting with Ms. Keller at 3:00pm.
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3.	Liam is coming to the office today for the training session.
4.	Aunt Liz is taking us out for dinner tomorrow night.
5.	We are getting married on June 12 th .
6.	Will is buying a car next month.

I am taking a trip next week.
·
We are moving this weekend.
Gwen is having a big party on Saturday.
Shawn is running in a marathon this summer.
I am picking Claire up at the airport in three hours.
They are going to the opera on Thursday evening.
·

Exercise 2

Read the following information. Then write what the arrangement is.

1.	Jean and Erica agreed to have dinner together. They will meet at their
	favorite restaurant at 6:30pm.
1.	Nora bought a bus ticket to travel to a nearby city tomorrow morning.
2.	Peter bought a new house and planned his move for next week.
3.	Helen planned a trip to visit her new boyfriend's home city. She does not
	know his family. It will be the first time she meets them!
4.	Ursula's daughter will graduate next week. She made arrangements to
	travel to the university and attend the graduation ceremony.

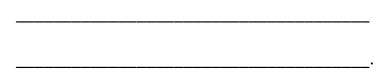
Exercise 3

Look at the following pictures and read the sentences. Write what the arrangement is.

1.	Wendy plays the drums in a band. Their first
	concert is scheduled for this Friday night.



2. Tim prepared all the information. He invited the managers to a meeting today.





3. Rachel chose a kitten to give to her twins. She arranged to give it to them on their birthday.



4.	Harriet was hired by a big company. They asked her to start work on Monday.	
5.	Gretchen and Fran arranged to meet for coffee at 4:15pm.	
6.	Paula and Stephen bought their tickets to travel to Prague on the 6 th .	
7.	Terrence reserved the tennis court to practice at 7:30am tomorrow.	

Future with Present Progressive Story **Before Reading**

A) Look a	f the story a	e story and the picture. What do you think this stor		this story	

B) Match the words in column A to the words in column B. (There can be more than one correct answer.)

Column A	Column B
live	arrangements
share	us
reserve	university
make	a tour
make	the apartment
attend	expenses
have	tickets
clean	together
take	reservations
help	a plan

get	in to
	to
meet	
stay	up
drive	vith
go ne	rvous
stay t	ime
have	to
pick cor	ıfused
come	vith
be h	iere

Column A	Column B
this	sister
older	exhibition
study	room
special	weekend
living	visit
art	group
parents'	tour
cleaning	dishes
guided	gallery
dirty	service

C) After these exercises, what do you think this story is about?

Future with Present Progressive Story A Wonderful Plan



Allison and Nate, a brother and sister, live together apartment. They attend university in the same city, so they live together to share expenses. Their parents live in a different city, but they are visiting their children this weekend. In fact, they are arriving at the airport in about an hour!

Nate and his older sister talk about all the arrangements they made for their parents' visit.

"Okay, so we are going to the concert tonight, right?" Nate asks.

"That is right," Allison replies. "We are seeing the orchestra at 7:00pm."

"Are we going to the museum tomorrow, then?" her brother asks.

"Yes, I reserved tickets for the special exhibition on mummies," Allison says. "Are you coming with us or are you meeting with your study group?"

"No, I am definitely going with you to the museum," Nate answers. "I love mummies! All right, so we are picking Mom and Dad up in about an hour."

"Yes, I am leaving in five minutes," Allison says.

Nate is confused. "What do you mean? We are both going, right?"

"Of course not!" Allison laughs. "Look at this place! I was very busy making all the reservations and getting all the tickets. We did not clean at all!"

"Oh no, you are right!" Nate looks at the messy living room and remembers all the dirty dishes in the kitchen. "What will we do?"

"Do not worry, my dear brother," Allison says, smiling. "You know I always have a plan."

"Is a cleaning service coming?" Nate asks. "Are Mom and Dad staying in a hotel?"

"No, silly!" Allison replies. "No one is coming to help us clean."

"Then what is your wonderful plan? What **are** we **doing** to get the apartment clean? Mom and Dad **are arriving** in just forty-five minutes!" Now Nate is getting really nervous.

"Not to worry," Allison reassures her brother. "I **am driving** to the airport to pick them up, and then we **are** all **going** to a new art gallery that just opened. We **are taking** a guided tour for an hour."

"How does an art gallery tour get the house clean?" Nate wonders.

"That does not clean the house! Remember that you are staying here, little brother," Allison says, giving him a hug before she walks to the door. "This way you will have lots of time! I am going out to have fun with Mom and Dad because I am a wonderful daughter, and you are staying here to clean the whole apartment because you are a wonderful son!"

Future with Present Progressive Story **After Reading**

Grammar—Correct Form of the Verb

A) This is a copy of the original story. Go over it and fill in the blanks with the right form of every verb.

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attend university in the same city, so they live together to share expenses.	
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Vocabulary—Find the Right Word

B) Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

	visit	apartment	concert	museum	ticket
	hotel	airport	art gallery	tour	hug
1.	It is when yo	ou go to see some	eone. What is it?		
2.	It is when yo	ou hold someone	in your arms. W	hat is it?	
3.	It is a place	you live inside a k	ouilding. Other p	eople live in the	same building
	with you, bu	ıt you have your	own space. Wha	t is it?	
4.	It is a sched	uled event when	musicians play. \	What is it?	
5.	It is a place	where you can go	to see old obje	cts and art and le	earn about
	them. What	is it?			
6.	It is a piece	of paper that lets	you attend an e	vent.	
	What is it?_				
7.	It is a place	where you can st	ay to sleep wher	n you are travelir	ng.
	What is it?_				
8.	It is when so	omeone shows yo	ou around a place	e and tells you al	oout it.
	What is it?_				
9.	It is where a	irplanes arrive ar	nd leave from. W	hat is it?	
10	. It is a place	where art is show	wn and sold. Wh	at is it?	

Grammar—Arrangements

C)	Write eight examples of arrangements from the story.	
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7.		
8.		
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Grammar—Positive and Negative Sentences

E)	Turn the following sentences into negative sentences.
1.	They are arriving at the airport in an hour.
2.	We are going to the concert tonight.
3.	I am leaving in five minutes.
F)	Turn the following sentences into positive sentences.
1.	Is a cleaning service coming?
2.	You are not staying here to clean the apartment.
3.	Are we going to the museum tomorrow?

Comprehension

G) Answer the following questior	G)	Answer	the	follov	ving	question
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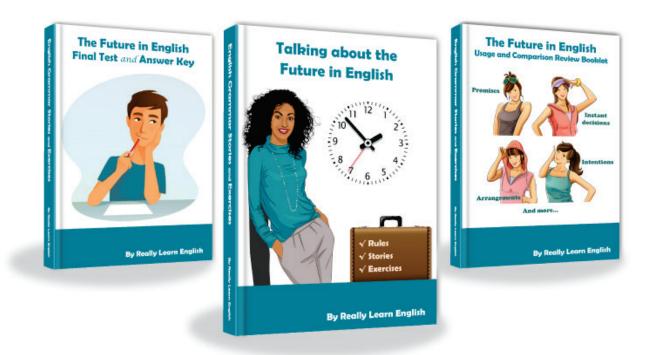
1.	Allison made arrangements to see the orchestra at a specific time. What does she say?
2.	Nate asks when they arranged to go to the museum. What does he say?
3.	Nate asks if Allison arranged for a service to help clean. What does he say?
4.	Allison asks what her brother arranged for tomorrow. What does she say?

Essay Writing

H) Answer the following questions. Write a short essay for each.

1.	Allison and Nate arranged lots of activities with their parents. What	
	arrangements do you have for this week?	
2.	Imagine that you are their mother or father. Talk about the arrangements	
	for your trip. When are you arriving? What are you doing with your kids during your visit?	
	during your visit:	

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