

EXERCISE 2.1

Read the sentences, and highlight the key words which show people are talking about the future. Write the key words in the spaces.

- Tomorrow I'm meeting my friend for lunch in the city.
- Felicia is going to a birthday party tomorrow evening.
- Next week our family is flying to Greece for two weeks.
- We are visiting our brother in Melbourne next Wednesday.
- Tonight Tom is taking his wife out for dinner.
- Mark and Maria are getting married soon.
- My parents are arriving in Perth in two weeks.

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| 1. <u>tomorrow</u> | 3. _____ | 5. _____ |
| tomorrow morning | next month | |
| tomorrow afternoon | next year | 6. _____ |
| | | in three days |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ | 7. _____ |

Compare the present continuous for now and the present continuous for the future.

PRESENT: His parents are going home now.

FUTURE: His parents are going home tonight.

PRESENT: I'm leaving now.

FUTURE: I'm leaving for Perth at 2 o'clock next Saturday.

PRESENT: Pamela is visiting her sister in the country at the moment.

FUTURE: Pamela is visiting her sister in the country tomorrow evening.

PRESENT: My son is playing tennis at school at the moment.

FUTURE: My son is playing tennis at school tomorrow afternoon.

PRESENT: Look! The bus is coming. We don't want to miss it!

FUTURE: Hurry up! The bus is coming soon. We don't want to miss it!

PRESENT: (A) What are you doing? Are you at home?

(B) Yes, I'm having dinner with a friend at the moment.

FUTURE: (A) What are you doing next weekend?

(B) I'm having dinner with a friend.