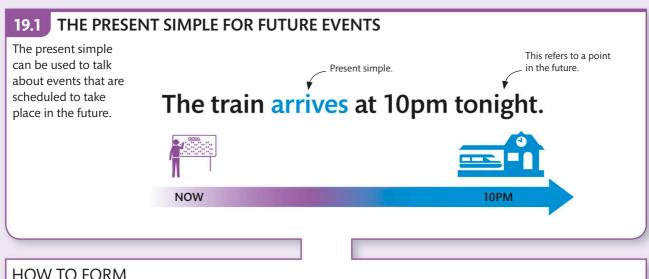
19 The present for future events

The present simple and present continuous can be used to talk about future events that are already planned. They are usually used with a future time word or time phrase.

See also:

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SUBJECT

PRESENT SIMPLE

FUTURE TIME PHRASE

The train

arrives

at 10pm tonight.

FURTHER EXAMPLES

Don't forget we have an early meeting tomorrow morning.



The next flight to New York departs at 6 this evening.



The concert is next Wednesday. I hope we're ready by then!



The bank opens late tomorrow because it's the weekend.



THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS FOR FUTURE EVENTS The present continuous "At the moment" shows the Present continuous refers can be used to talk action refers to the present. to Dave's present activity. about pre-arranged At the moment Dave is working, future events. Time markers usually show but tomorrow he is playing golf. whether the event is in the present or future. Present continuous refers to a Time clause "tomorrow" shows the action refers to the future future event that is planned NOW

HOW TO FORM

SUBJECT PRESENT CONTINUOUS FUTURE TIME PHRASE

Dave is playing golf

tomorrow.

FURTHER EXAMPLES



Jack's playing soccer tomorrow.



I'm seeing a movie later.



Sue is studying this evening.



Lisa is playing golf tomorrow.



I'm having dinner with Mike next weekend.



Jay is meeting some friends tomorrow evening.



Tom and Samantha are getting married tomorrow.



I'm running a race for charity this weekend.