

Simple present or present continuous?

The simple present and the present continuous tenses can both be used to talk about the future. The simple present tense is used to talk about events which are part of a timetable. It is also used with a future meaning in subordinate clauses.

The present continuous tense is used to talk about pre-planned future events. In other cases, we are more likely to use a simple future tense.

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate verb form.

1. The summer term on April 18th.

is starting
starts

2. My plane at 3.30.

leaves
is leaving

3. When in Bangkok?

is the train arriving
does the train arrive

4. I will pay you back when I a job.

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will get
get
am getting

5. I to the US next week.

go
am going

6. She for a new job.

looks
is looking

7. Granny's train at 5.30.

arrives
is arriving

8. I will tell you if I her name.

know
knew
will know

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9. 'What there?' 'I a cake.'

do you do; make

are you doing; am making

10. I Lucia on Tuesday.

see

am seeing

Answers

1. The summer term starts on April 18th.
2. My plane leaves at 3.30.
3. When does the train arrive in Bangkok?
4. I will pay you back when I get a job.
5. I am going to the US next week.
6. She is looking for a new job.
7. Granny's train arrives at 5.30.
8. I will tell you if I know her name.

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9. 'What are you doing there?' 'I am making a cake.'

10. I am seeing Lucia on Tuesday.