

THE FLATMATES

Quiz: Present continuous
for future arrangements



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For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. ... the computer tonight? I want to check my email when I get home.
 - a. Are you using
 - b. Do you use
 - c. You are using
 - d. Will you use

2. Hurry up! The train... in 5 minutes!
 - a. is leaving
 - b. was leaving
 - c. are leaving
 - d. left

3. What... tomorrow evening?
 - a. are you doing
 - b. do you doing
 - c. are you do
 - d. do you do

4. We... dinner in a restaurant this evening. Would you like to join us?
 - a. are have
 - b. are having
 - c. have
 - d. having

5. I'm... out tonight. I'm... at home and watching a film.
 - a. not going / not staying
 - b. going / staying
 - c. going / going to stay
 - d. not going / staying

6. I... a sore throat, so I... the doctor at 3 o'clock.
 - a. am having / am seeing
 - b. have / see
 - c. have / am seeing
 - d. am having / see

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Answers

1. ... the computer tonight? I want to check my email when I get home.
 - a. **Are you using – Correct – this is a present continuous question about a future arrangement.**
 - b. Do you use – Wrong – you need a present continuous question form, not present simple.
 - c. You are using – Wrong – you need a present continuous question form, but you have used a positive statement.
 - d. Will you use – Wrong – you need a present continuous question.

 2. Hurry up! The train... in 5 minutes!
 - a. **is leaving – Correct – you have used a present continuous verb to talk about something that is about to happen.**
 - b. was leaving – Wrong – you have used a past tense to talk about a future event.
 - c. are leaving – Wrong – the subject and verb do not agree.
 - d. left – Wrong – you have used a past tense to talk about a future event.

 3. What... tomorrow evening?
 - a. **are you doing – Correct – this is a present continuous question about a future arrangement.**
 - b. do you doing – Wrong – you need to use a present continuous question form, using the auxiliary verb 'to be'.
 - c. are you do – Wrong – you need to use a present continuous question form, so the main verb should end with -ing.
 - d. do you do – Wrong – you need to use a present continuous question form, using the auxiliary verb 'to be', and the main verb should end with -ing.

 4. We... dinner in a restaurant this evening. Would you like to join us?
 - a. are have – Wrong – you need to use a present continuous form, so the main verb should end with -ing.
 - b. **are having – Correct – you have used the correct form of a present continuous verb to talk about a future arrangement.**
 - c. have – Wrong – you have used a simple tense, but you need to use a present continuous form, using the auxiliary verb 'to be', and the main verb should end with -ing.
 - d. having – Wrong – you need to use a present continuous question form, using the auxiliary verb 'to be'.

 5. I'm... out tonight. I'm... at home and watching a film.
 - a. not going / not staying – Wrong – at least one of the verbs should be positive.
 - b. going / staying – Wrong – at least one of the verbs should be negative.
 - c. going / going to stay – Wrong – at least one of the verbs should be negative.
 - d. **not going / staying – Correct – you have used the correct form of present continuous verbs to talk about future arrangements.**
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6. I... a sore throat, so I... the doctor at 3 o'clock.
- a. am having / am seeing – Wrong – the first verb should be in a tense which is suitable for describing a present state.
 - b. have / see – Wrong – the second verb should be in a tense which is suitable for talking about a future arrangement.
 - c. **have / am seeing – Correct – the first verb describes a present state, and the second one talks about a future arrangement.**
 - d. am having / see – Wrong – the first verb should be in a tense which is suitable for a present state, and the second one should talk about a future arrangement.

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