

The Future Exercises

- Present Simple or Present Continuous

Choose the best option between the present simple and the present continuous for these sentences about the future. Use short forms where possible.

Frank _____ to a party later. (go) → Frank's going _____ to a party later.

1. I _____ my cousins this Saturday. (visit)
2. We'll go outside when the rain _____. (stop)
3. She _____ her driving test next Thursday. (take)
4. As soon as they _____ home, we'll eat dinner. (get)
5. They _____ to London next month. (go)
6. Before you _____ the house, turn off the lights. (leave)
7. We _____ our teacher after class tomorrow. (meet)
8. I'll text you when I _____ at the station. (arrive)
9. The concert _____ at 8 pm. (start)
10. My brother _____ the dentist at 1 pm on Thursday. (see)
11. Don't open the gift until your parents _____. (come)
12. We _____ lunch with some friends tomorrow. (have)
13. The bus _____ in ten minutes. (leave)
14. After the movie _____, we'll go for ice cream. (finish)
15. David and I _____ tennis with my colleagues this weekend. (play)
16. As soon as the teacher _____ the test papers, you can begin.
(hand out)
17. My parents _____ to Melbourne this Friday. (drive)
18. The museum _____ at 10:00 tomorrow. (open)
19. Before the train _____, let's buy some snacks. (arrive)
20. I'll tell Sophie as soon as I _____ her. (see)

Answers

1. I'm **visiting** my cousins this Saturday.
2. We'll go outside when the rain **stops**.
3. She's **taking** her driving test next Thursday.
4. As soon as they **get** home, we'll eat dinner.
5. They're **going** to London next month.
6. Before you **leave** the house, turn off the lights.
7. We're **meeting** our teacher after class tomorrow.
8. I'll text you when I **arrive** at the station.
9. The concert **starts** at 8 pm.
10. My brother's **seeing** the dentist at 1 pm on Thursday.
11. Don't open the gift until your parents **come**.
12. We're **having** lunch with some friends tomorrow.
13. The bus **leaves** in ten minutes.
14. After the movie **finishes**, we'll go for ice cream.
15. David and I **are playing** tennis with my colleagues this weekend.
(NB: We don't contract "are" in writing if we have a compound subject, so we don't write "I're".)
16. As soon as the teacher **hands out** the test papers, you can begin.
17. My parents **are driving** to Melbourne this Friday.
(NB: We don't contract nouns and "are" when we write, so we don't write "parents're".)
18. The museum **opens** at 10:00 tomorrow.
19. Before the train **arrives**, let's buy some snacks.
20. I'll tell Sophie as soon as I **see** her.