

**1** Match the sentences (1–4) to the correct rules (A–D). Then decide if the sentences use the present continuous (PC) or *be going to* (G).

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| 1 a definite future plan                               | ..... | <u>C</u>  |
| 2 something you intend to do in the future             | ..... |           |
| 3 something you know is likely to happen               | ..... |           |
| 4 a definite future plan                               | ..... |           |
| A I'm going to learn the guitar next term.             | ..... |           |
| B There is going to be a thunderstorm later.           | ..... |           |
| C I'm travelling to Italy next week.                   | ..... | <u>PC</u> |
| D I'm not going away with my grandparents this summer. | ..... |           |

**2** Choose the correct form of the future to complete the sentences. Underline the words that give a specific time reference to help you decide when to use the present continuous.

- We're ..... Alison from the train station at noon.  
A picking up      B going to pick up
- The flight is ..... at half past four this afternoon.  
A going to get in      B getting in
- I'm ..... Australia one day. It's my dream!  
A visiting      B going to visit
- They're ..... for Ireland at the weekend.  
A leaving      B going to leave
- It's ..... later. Look at all those clouds!  
A going to rain      B raining
- Sam is ..... an architect when he's older.  
A being      B going to be

**3** Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- He's take part in a cycling competition next weekend. taking part
- What are you going do on Saturday? .....
- I've lived in my town since I was born, but I be not gonna live here forever. ....
- Barcelona is a really nice city. We're looking round some of the historical sites while we're there. ....
- My friend and I going to the cinema tonight. Would you like to come too? .....
- They not go away this summer. ....

**4** Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box in the correct form of the present continuous or *be going to*.

check in	collect	get back
look round	set off	take off

- ✓ We 're setting off for the airport at 8 am.
- ✓ I ..... my suitcase from the baggage hall.
- ✗ Our flight is delayed. It ..... at twelve thirty as planned.
- ? ..... you ..... lots of cool museums when you visit London?
- ✗ They ..... until the queue is shorter.
- ✓ She ..... from her holiday tomorrow afternoon.

**5** Complete the text about Matthew's trip with the verbs in the correct form of the present continuous or *be going to*. Then answer the questions.

### Going away by Matthew Cole

I <sup>1</sup> 'm going to (go) Granada in Spain in the Easter holidays. I <sup>2</sup> ..... (learn) Spanish at a language school, and I'm really excited! I <sup>3</sup> ..... (stay) with a family for two weeks, and they've got a son who I can practise speaking with. I <sup>4</sup> ..... (study) Spanish five days a week, and at the weekends I <sup>5</sup> ..... (do) some sightseeing in the city. I <sup>6</sup> ..... (not look round) every church and museum, but I <sup>7</sup> ..... (visit) the Alhambra Palace. Granada isn't far from the coast, so the family <sup>8</sup> ..... (take) me to the beach the first weekend. And it's near the mountains too, so we <sup>9</sup> ..... (go) skiing the following weekend. It <sup>10</sup> ..... (be) amazing!

- Where's Matthew going at Easter?  
He's going to Granada in Spain.
- Why is he going there?  
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- Where's he staying?  
.....
- Is he going to do some sightseeing?  
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- What's he doing the first weekend?  
.....
- What's he doing the second weekend?  
.....

### 1

- 1 C; PC
- 2 A; G
- 3 B; G
- 4 D; PC

### 2

- 1 *picking up; at noon*
- 2 *getting in; at half past four this afternoon*
- 3 *going to visit*
- 4 *leaving; at the weekend*
- 5 *going to rain*
- 6 *going to be*

### 3

- 1 *taking part*
- 2 *going to do*
- 3 *'m / am not going to*
- 4 *going to look*
- 5 *are going to*
- 6 *aren't / are not going*

### 4

- 1 *are / 're setting off*
- 2 *am / 'm going to collect*
- 3 *isn't taking off*
- 4 *Are, going to look round*
- 5 *aren't going to check in*
- 6 *is / 's getting back*

### 5

- 1 *'m / am going to*
- 2 *'m / am going to learn*
- 3 *'m / am staying*
- 4 *'m / am going to study*
- 5 *'m / am going to do*
- 6 *'m / am not going to look round*
- 7 *'m / going to visit*
- 8 *are taking*
- 9 *'re / are going*
- 10 *'s / is going to be*

Suggested answers

- 1 *He's going to Granada in Spain.*
- 2 *He's going to learn Spanish at a language school.*
- 3 *He's staying with a Spanish family.*
- 4 *Yes, he's going to visit the Alhambra Palace. But he isn't going to look round every church and museum.*
- 5 *He's going to the beach.*
- 6 *He's going skiing in the mountains.*