**Present continuous (future arrangements): Activity 1**

Read Grammar Bank 2B. Then complete the sentences with the correct past continuous form of the verbs. Use contractions where you can. Listen and check.

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| Are you leaving in the morning?  They're coming back on Monday.  They're studying for their math exam.  You aren't listening to what I'm saying.  We're waiting for the mail carrier.  I’m living in an apartment with two college students.  I'm seeing Julien at two o'clock.  What's he doing upstairs?  She's reading a really good book about science.  We're meeting Sandra and Roberto for lunch on Sunday.  She's moving to Canada soon.  Kai is arriving at six o'clock. |  |

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**Present continuous (future arrangements): Activity 2**

Read Grammar Bank 3B. Then complete the dialogue with the present continuous form of the verbs. Use contractions where you can. Listen and check.

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| **A**  What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ? (do) **B**  I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my suitcase. (pack) **A**  Why? **B**  Because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Houston at 8 o'clock tonight. (fly) **A** Oh, I didn't know. Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Houston? (go) **B**  I'm seeing the boss of *VTechSolutions* tomorrow. **A**  Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him? (meet) **B**  He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a project with me, and we need to discuss it. (work)  After the meeting, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lunch together. (have) **A**  Oh, well have a good trip! |  |

**Verbs + prepositions: Activity 1**

Choose the correct answers. Then listen and check.

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| 1.  I arrived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ New York on Friday night.   * on * in * at   2.  I was very tired when I arrived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the hotel.   * on * in * at   3.  I hate waiting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people who are late.   * to * for * at   4.  **A** What are you going to do this weekend?   **B** I don't know. It depends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the weather.   * to * on * of   5.  I'm sorry, but I really don't agree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you.   * to * with * for   6.  I asked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a chicken sandwich, but this is tuna!   * to * for * of   7.  Please listen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what I'm saying.   * to * of * at   8.  Who's going to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the meal?   * by * for * with |  |

**Verbs + prepositions: Activity 2**

Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box. Then listen and check.

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1.  I need to speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Martin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.

2.  I don't spend much money \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ food.

3.  Don't worry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the exam. It isn't very hard.

4.  Do you believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ghosts?

5.  You're not listening! What are you thinking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

6.  **A** What do you think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this painting? **B** I really like it. I think it's beautiful.

7.  Who does this bag belong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Linking**

Listen and write the words you hear. Then listen and repeat.

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**The Magic Triangle: Activity 1**

Read and listen to the adverisement for a vacation. Choose the correct answers.

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| **Tour of the Magic Triangle: Prague – Vienna – Budapest**  Visit these three beautiful capital cities and discover their historic monuments and lively atmosphere. Enjoy three wonderful cultural performances and return with unforgettable memories.  **Prague**  The tour starts in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. A free bus takes you from the airport to your hotel, where you spend three nights. The price includes a tour of the city, a cruise on the Vltava River, a visit to a spa resort, and a performance at the Laterna Magika theater. From Prague you travel first class by train to your next destination: Vienna.  **Vienna**  The Austrian capital has many spectacular monuments, which you can visit with the free 72-hour travel card which you receive when you arrive in Vienna. The price also includes a tour of the city, Viennese coffee and cakes at the famous Hotel Sacher, and a performance at the opera. After your three nights in Vienna you travel first class by train to your final destination: Budapest.  **Budapest**  You spend your last three nights in Budapest, the capital city of Hungary, where there are plenty of places to explore. The city is divided into two parts: the old historic city of Buda on the hill, and the commercial city of Pest on the other side of the River Danube. The price includes a tour of the city with a visit to the Parliament building, a typical Hungarian dinner, a performance of classical music, and the return journey from your hotel to the airport.  At only $1,999, this is an opportunity you cannot afford to miss! |

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| 1. The tour of the Magic Triangle lasts for \_\_\_\_\_\_ nights.    * ten    * nine    * eight 2. You travel between the three cities by \_\_\_\_\_\_.    * train    * plane    * bus 3. In each city, you \_\_\_\_\_\_.    * see a performance    * go on a boat trip    * have a special meal |  |

**The Magic Triangle: Activity 2**

Read the advertisement again. Answer the questions with P (Prague), V (Vienna), or B (Budapest).

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In which city do customers ...?  
**1.**  travel free on public transportation   \_\_\_\_  
**2.**  have a traditional evening meal   \_\_\_\_  
**3.**  go on a boat trip   \_\_\_\_  
**4.**  listen to a concert   \_\_\_\_  
**5.** have a drink and a sweet snack   \_\_\_\_  
**6.**  go to a place to relax and get healthy   \_\_\_\_

**Writing 3: An informal email**

Write an informal email to a friend about travel arrangements.

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| Imagine you are visiting a friend in New York for a week in the summer. Write an email to tell him or her about your travel arrangements. Include information on the following:  - How do you feel about your visit?  - What time are you arriving and at which airport?  - Where do you want your friend to meet you?  - When are you flying home?  - Is there anything special you would like to see and do during your stay? What?  **Write three paragraphs.** | Write here … |