REVIEW PRESENT PROGRESSIVE – FUTURE WITH PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

Using the present continuous to talk about the future

The present continuous is used to talk about arrangements for events at a time later than now. There is a suggestion that more than one person is aware of the event, and that some preparation has already happened. e.g.

- I'm meeting Jim at the airport = Jim and I have discussed this.
- I am leaving tomorrow. = I've already bought my train ticket.
- We're having a staff meeting next Monday = all members of staff have been told about it.

Examples

- Is she seeing him tomorrow?
- He isn't working next week.
- They aren't leaving until the end of next year.
- •We are staying with friends when we get to Boston.

Note: In the first example, "seeing" is used in a continuous form because it means "meeting".

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