**The present continuous and the be going to form**

**Exercise 1:**

21 I (give) him a football for his next birthday.

22 She (sing) in her first big concert next month.

He (go) to Spain for his holidays. ~

He (fly)? ~

No, he (go) by boat.

24 She (see) a specialist next week.

25 He (wash) the car?

26 He (ring) me up tonight.

27 The inspector (ask) you a few questions.

28 Her parents (give) a party for her next month. They (invite) sixty guests.

29 Have you got a ticket for the big match on Saturday? ~

No, I don't even know who (play). ~

France (play) England.

30 They (launch) a ship this afternoon. You (come) to see it?

31 What you (do) with the money?

32 I (pick) you up at 6.30; don't forget.

33 Where you (go) tonight? ~

I (go) out with Peter. He (call) for me at eight.

34 I (compete) in the bicycle race tomorrow.

35 Mr Pitt has just phoned to say that he (not come) back till Wednesday night.

36 I (read) you his answer to my letter of complaint.

**Exercise 2 : Put the verbs in brackets into one of the above forms, using the present continuous**

**wherever possible.**

1 Where you (go) for your holidays? ~ I (go) to Norway. ~

What you (do) there? ~ I (fish).

2 Where you (go) this evening? ~

I (not go) anywhere. I (stay) at home. I (write) some letters.

3 Take an umbrella; it (rain).

4 How long you (stay) in this country? *(Have you decided to stay?) ~*

Another month. I (go) home at the end of the month. ~

What you (do) then? ~

I (try) to get a job.

5 I (dye) these curtains. ~

You (do) it yourself, or (have) it done? ~

I (have) it done. Who should I take them to?

6 I've seen the film, now I (read) the book. I've just got a copy from the library.

*(I haven't started the book yet.)*

7 You (do) anything next weekend? ~

Yes, my nephews (come) and I (show) them round London. ~

You (take) them to the theatre? *{Have you booked seats?) ~*

No, they're too young for that. I (take) them to the zoo.

8 We (start) early tomorrow. We (go) to Ben Nevis. ~

You (climb) Ben Nevis? ~

Not me. Tom (climb) it. I (sit) at the bottom and (do) some sketching.

9 Uncle: I hear you (go) to the regatta tomorrow. You (sail) in it?

Niece: No, but we (take) our cameras. We (try) to photograph the winning yachts.

10 You (not ask) your boss to give you a fire in your office? ~

It isn't worth while. I (leave) at the end of the week. ~

Really? And what you (do) then? You (have) a holiday?

No, I (start) another job the following Monday.

11 I hear you've bought a caravan. You (use) it for your holidays? ~

No, I (live) in it. I (start) moving my things next week. ~

What you (do) with your house? ~

I (sell) it to the man who sold me the caravan. He (get) married next month.

12 Mrs Jones (go) to hospital. She (have) her appendix out. ~

Who (look) after the children? ~

Her sister (come) down from Scotland.

13 He isn't happy at his boarding school. I (send) him to a day school. ~

Have you decided on the other school? ~

No, but I (see) *(have an appointment with)* the headmaster of the Park School this

afternoon. I'll probably send him there.

14 Tom (arrive) tomorrow. ~

**Answers**

**(Exercise 1)** 21 am giving 22 is singing 23 is going, is he flying, is going 24 is seeing 25 is he going to wash 26 is ringing 27 is going to ask 28 are giving, are inviting 29 is playing, is playing 30 are launching, are you coming 31 are you going to do 32 am picking 33 are you going, am going, is calling 34 am competing 35 isn't coming 36 am going to read

**(Exercise 2)**1 are you going; am going; are you going to do; am going to fish 2 are you going; am not going; am staying/going to stay; am going to write 3 is going to rain 4 are you staying; am going; are you going to do; am going to try Sam going to dye; Are you going to do, are you going to have it done; am going to have 6 am going to read 7 are you doing; are coming, am going to show/am showing; are you taking; am going to take/am taking 8 are starting; are going; Are you going to climb; is going to climb; am going to sit . . . and do 9 are going; Are you going to sail; are taking/are going to take; are going to try 10 Aren't you going to ask; am leaving; are you going to do; Are you going to have; am starting II Are you going to use; am going to live; am going to start; are you going to do/are you doing, am selling/am going to sell; is getting 12 is going, is having; is going to look; is coming 13 am going to send; am seeing 14 is arriving.