

Unit 3

Are you free this Saturday?

Context: Class is over. The class leader asks everyone to keep quiet as he has something to announce.



Warm-up: Read the following sentences, discuss with your partner, and tick (✓) on what you think will be mentioned in later conversations.

- ☐ Who cannot join the activity next Saturday?
- ☐ Where will they go next Saturday?
- ☐ How will they go to the destination (目的地) next Saturday?
- ☐ Who will pay for the movie tickets?
- ☐ When will they meet next Saturday?
- ☐ What will they do next Saturday?

Listening

Listen to the audio A, what do you think the class leader is announcing? Then listen to the audio B, can everyone in the class join the activity? After you answer these questions, check your answers in Warm-up according to audio A and B.

Listen to the audio B. Match the events with the correct people.

Kate

William

Tony

watch a movie

make a birthday cake

go to the zoo

see the dentist

have a picnic

Speaking Task

Work with your partner; use the sentence patterns below to ask your partner's plans for this Saturday.

A: What are you going to do this Saturday morning/ afternoon/ evening?

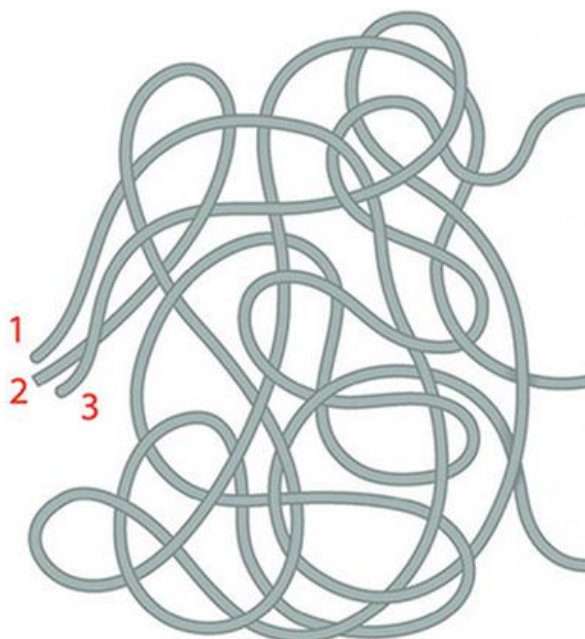
B: I'm going to _____.



Olivia, what are you going to do this Saturday morning?

I am going to watch a movie.

Maze game. Form a team of 2-3 people, pick one path and describe the situation in the picture using the sentence structure above.



Jack
Tomorrow morning



This Sunday



Rebecca
Next Friday

Reading

Read the short passage, answer the short questions below.



Dear Jackie,

Today is September 30th. I am quite exciting because a seven-day National holiday is coming! I have planned to do lots of interesting things during my holiday. Guess where I am. I am in the airport with my parents right now, about to fly to Beijing! We will arrive at Beijing Airport at midnight. Tomorrow morning, my parents and I are going to visit Tiananmen **Square** and watch the flag-raising ceremony. Can you **imagine** how **holy** the **ceremony** is? I can't wait to watch it! I will take some photos and videos to you.

Then we are going to visit the Great Wall. I heard that it will take several hours to climb the Great Wall. It will be a big **challenge** for me, but I believe I can make it! After climbing the Great Wall my uncle has invited us to his restaurant. He will treat us to Peking duck. Peking duck is one of the most famous foods in Beijing. Millions of tourists are attracted by it every year. The next day, my parents and I are going to spend a whole day shopping. We will go to Xi Dan (西单) and South Luogu **Lane** (南锣鼓巷). Do you want me to buy some **souvenirs** for you? We are coming back on October 3rd. I will stay at home and rest on that day. How about you, Jackie? What is your plan for your National Holiday?

By the way, do you remember that October 5th is my birthday? I am having a birthday party on that day and I am inviting you to my party. Are you free on that day?

I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours,

Craig



Scan the whole passage, mark out the sentences with future tense.

Skim the passage; find the general idea of the passage.

- A. Craig is writing a letter to tell Jackie he will buy souvenirs for her.
- B. Craig is writing a letter to tell Jackie he is going to travel to Beijing.
- C. Craig will come back home on October 3rd and then invite her to his birthday party.
- D. Craig is telling Jackie his plan for the National holiday.

Find the words in the article, read their context and match them with the meanings on the right. Write the correct letters in the blank.

ceremony	_____	a. Form a mental picture or idea of.
challenge	_____	b. Difficulties and problems.
souvenir	_____	c. A narrow road.
holy	_____	d. A formal and special event like wedding.
square	_____	e. Broad place for people to hold big event.
lane	_____	f. Something that special, serious, and sometimes related to God.
image	_____	g. Special thing bought in special day or place.

Use the words and expressions above to complete the sentences below. Every word can be used only ONCE.

arrive at	remember	rest	millions of
quite	look forward to	invite	attracted

- _____ tourists will come to Beijing
- We are coming back on October 3rd. I will stay at home and _____ on that day.
- I will always _____ your Birthday.
- I am _____ exciting because a seven-day National Holiday is coming!
- We are so glad that you can come that day. _____ your reply.
- This movie is so exciting, **it** _____ me so much.
- I am having a birthday party on that day and I am going to _____ you to my party.
- Craig and his parents will _____ Beijing Airport at midnight.

After seeing Craig's plan, put correct number in the blank according their order.

- ☐ 1. First, Craig and his parents will go to Tiananmen Square to watch the flag-raising ceremony.
- ☐ 2. In the restaurant, they will taste one of the most famous foods: Peking duck.
- ☐ 3. After doing that, they are going to climb the Great Wall.
- ☐ 4. Craig and his parents will take a plane to Beijing.
- ☐ 5. Craig's parents plan to shop all day.
- ☐ 6. After a full day shopping, they are going to Xi Dan and South Luogu Lane.
- ☐ 7. Then, Craig's uncle will bring them to a restaurant.

Everyday

English

- **Anyone else?** The whole sentence should be “*Is there anyone else?*” but it doesn’t mean that “*Anyone else*” is wrong. In our daily conversation, we usually ellipsis (省略) “*Is there*” in this kind of sentences, for example:

Are there any problems?

Any problems?

- **Make it.** In spoken English, we usually use “make it” when achieving the expected goal. In the listening script, there is an example of “make it”, whose expected goal is to join the activity on next Saturday.

Is there anyone else who cannot make it next Saturday?

Grammar Awareness

Future tenses	To talk about	Examples
Will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ When decide to do something at the time of speaking. ✓ When someone knows something will happen or predict something will happen. (but not the plan of the speaker) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I feel hungry. I think I will have something to eat. ✓ His mother will be ninety this week.
Shall do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Normally we only use shall with first person for example: I, we, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We shall probably go to Disneyland for this holiday.
Be going to do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Decide to do something but perhaps not arranged to do it. ✓ Describe ‘something that will happen’ in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I am going to play tennis this weekend. ✓ It is going to rain.
Be doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Used in present continuous for an action just before you begin to do it. Usually happens with verbs of movement like go/leave/come... ✓ Decide and arrange to do it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The train is leaving ten minutes later. ✓ I am having a birthday party next Saturday.
Be about to do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Something that is going to happen immediately. Usually it is not linked to temporal adverbial (时间状语). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We are about to go out for a lunch, would you like to join us?

Tips for you

“Be doing” can present future tense as well as present continuous. We usually distinguish them by looking at the temporal adverbial. When “be doing” presents future tense, it is normally accompanied by a future temporal adverbial. For example:

“We are coming back on October 3rd” & “I am inviting you to my birthday party”

When “be doing” occurs before a momentary verb (瞬间动词), such as *leave, come, go, arrive*, it is not necessarily accompanied by a temporal adverbial. For example:

“I am leaving to Beijing” & “My uncle Bob is coming to visit us”

Grammar Task

Use the suitable forms of the verbs in the brackets and complete the sentences. You can use “be going to do”/ “be doing”/ “be about to do” in the following sentences.

1. We _____ (have) a meeting at 9 o'clock.
2. Why are you taking the shirt out? ---I _____ (wash) it.
3. We _____ (visit) the museum tomorrow.
4. Hurry up! The train _____ (leave)!
5. Bob's uncle _____ (arrive) next week.
6. Today is August 31st. The new school year _____ (start).
7. Are you _____ (play) tennis with us this Saturday?

Find the mistakes, and then write the corrected sentences.

1. I am about to take a short trip next week.

2. My friends are come to see me.

3. What are you go to do this Saturday?

4. Mr. Li and Mrs. Li are very happy because their first baby is about borning.

5. There is a train for Beijing leaves at 9 o'clock.

What do you say in these situations? Write sentences with “be going to” “be doing” or “be about to”.

1. You are a pregnant woman. Your doctor tells you they are having twins. You want to inform you husband of this good news: We are about to have a twins.
2. You and your friend Craig decided to visit the museum this Sunday, and you need to tell your mother: Mom, _____
3. Your friend Terry decides to leave from Shanghai to Beijing. You want to know why he made this decision, so you ask him: _____
4. It is 8 o'clock now. Toby and you are catching up with a train. The train leaves in ten minutes. You remind Toby of that: Hurry up! _____
5. You have decided to watch the movie *Beauty and The Beast* tomorrow and you want to invite Kate to go with you. You ask her: _____

Vocabulary Task

f	k	a	p	p	o	i	n	t	m	e	n	t
g	b	k	b	n	c	q	z	o	c	c	l	e
v	d	d	v	j	e	c	j	d	y	h	n	h
d	h	r	c	v	r	a	c	m	s	a	v	w
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s	q	s	l	d	m	x	v	s	c	l	a	c
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m	e	x	a	i	z	e	l	a	n	e	v	z
r	v	i	m	a	g	i	n	e	g	n	d	b
f	h	a	f	v	c	h	e	a	v	r	m	w
b	f	a	n	t	a	s	t	i	c	h	e	c

Circle the words you can see in letters above:

How many words can you find from this box? Write down the words as many as you could.

appointment _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____

Writing

In daily lives, we usually need to write short messages to our friends, families, and teachers.....Unlike writing an email, short messages are usually less formal (for example: using short form “I’m” “I’ve” “I’d”.....)

The following is an example of a short message:

The diagram shows a short message with the following parts labeled:

- The date**: April 30
- Greeting**: Dear Juyoung,
- The topic (one sentence)**: I want to remind you that we are having a meeting at 4:30pm. The meeting will end at 5:30pm. After the meeting, Lillian and I are
- The message**: a dinner. Would you like to come with us?
- The closing**: Best wishes,
- Signature**: William

In this task, you are William, and you need to write a short message to invite your uncle Toby to your mother’s birthday party. In the message, you need to inform your uncle the following information:

- ✓ The date of your mother’s birthday—May 3rd
- ✓ What will you do in the party—eat birthday cake and play games.

April 30

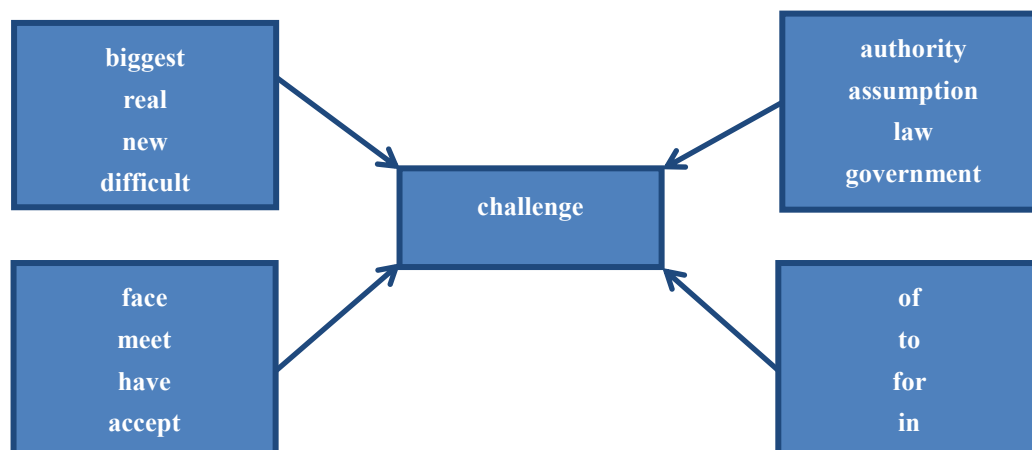
Dear uncle Toby

Best Wishes,

William

Word Awareness

The top left box shows how *challenge* is described by adjective. The bottom left box shows the verbs that collocate commonly with *challenge*. The top right box shows the nouns that commonly collocate with *challenge* when it is a verb. The bottom right box shows how *challenge* is collocated with prepositions.



Examples:

The **biggest challenge** for me is to sing in front of large audiences.

The **real challenge** is to help people understand that we all have a responsibility to protect the environment.

Now, his father is facing a **new challenge**: finding a job.

Let me remind you of a **difficult challenge** we overcame last year.

Parents should teach their children to **face challenges** from society.

I want everybody to know that we have the capacity to **meet** every **challenge**.

You will **have** a **challenge** ahead of you.

A good employee is willing to **accept challenges** and pressure.

Most people are afraid to **challenge authority**, but I am not one of them.

He is **challenging** the **assumption** that women live longer than men.

The lawyer is going to **challenge** the **law**.

Our organization **challenges the government** when they fail to protect citizens.

This is the greatest **challenge of** all.

This is an opportunity and also a **challenge to** all of us.

Every project is a new **challenge for** me, so I give my heart and soul to each one.

I repeated my **challenge in** another game.

Words You Need to Know

accompany (v.) to go with someone or something. 伴随；陪伴。 Textbooks are usually accompanied with exercises.

appointment (n.) have a meeting with somebody at a specific place and time. 约定；约会。 I will have an appointment with my math teacher next Tuesday.

arrange (v.) to plan or organize something. 安排。 Our school is going to arrange a Mid-Autumn festival party for us.

assumption (n.) something that you think is true, but without any evidence. 假设；猜想。 I have no idea how to prove this assumption.

authority (n.) the group of people with specific power to decide something. 权力；权威。 Teachers have the authority to manage the class.

bottom (n.) the lowest part of something. 底部。 Please write down your name at the bottom of your paper.

ceremony (n.) a very formal act and is usually linked with some important events 典礼；仪式。 I am going to attend my sister's graduation ceremony next month.

challenge (n.) something need to pay great effort and it usually beyond one's current ability. 挑战。 The climbing of The Great Wall is a challenge for me.

collocate (v.) words or phrases that often used together and have a specific meaning. 搭配；组合。 "Listen" often collocates with "to".

commonly (adv.) usually or often 普遍地 Children commonly love drinking cola.

distinguish (v.) to understand the differences between two or more things. 区分；区别。 It is hard to distinguish the twins.

fantastic (adj.) extremely good 极好的。 This is a fantastic movie.

government (n.) a group of people who control a country. 政府。 Xi Jinping is the leader of Chinese government.

holy (adj.) connected with religion/ used for describe some surprising and impressive things or places. 神圣的。 Tiananmen square is a holy place.

imagine (v.) to think about what something could be like in your mind. 想象。 Can you imagine how hot the Guangzhou is in Summer.

immediately (adv.) now or without waiting. 马上。 We are having a meeting immediately.

lane (n.) a narrow road in a small town or countryside 小巷。 I am visiting Nan Luogu lane next summer holiday.

normally (adv.) something happens in a normal way. 正常地。 Today is Monday, so we go to school normally.

perhaps (adv.) used to express something you are not sure. similar to "maybe" 也许。 Perhaps 20 students will join us.

predict (v.) to guess what will happen in the future. 猜测。 They predicted that he would be the winner of the game.

remind (v.) to make somebody remember something. 提醒。 This beautiful souvenir reminds me of the trip in Beijing.

souvenir (n.) something you buy that can represent a special event or place. 纪念品。 I will buy a souvenir for you when I come back from Beijing.

square (n.) an open area at the meeting of two or more streets. 广场。 Tiananmen square is one of the biggest squares in the world.

sunlight (n.) the light of sun. 日光。 The morning sunlight is beautiful.

Answer Key

Listening

- ☒ Who cannot join the activity next Saturday?
- ☒ Where will they go next Saturday?
- ☒ Who will pay for the movie tickets?
- ☒ What will they do next Saturday?

Kate: watch a movie; see the dentist

William: make a birthday cake

Tony: watch a movie; go to the zoo; have a picnic

- a) Jack is going to play basketball tomorrow morning.
- b) It is going to rain this Sunday.
- c) Rebecca is going to do homework next Friday.

Reading

D

d; b; g; f; e; c; a

Millions of; .have a rest; remember; quite; Looking forward to; attracts; invite; arrive at

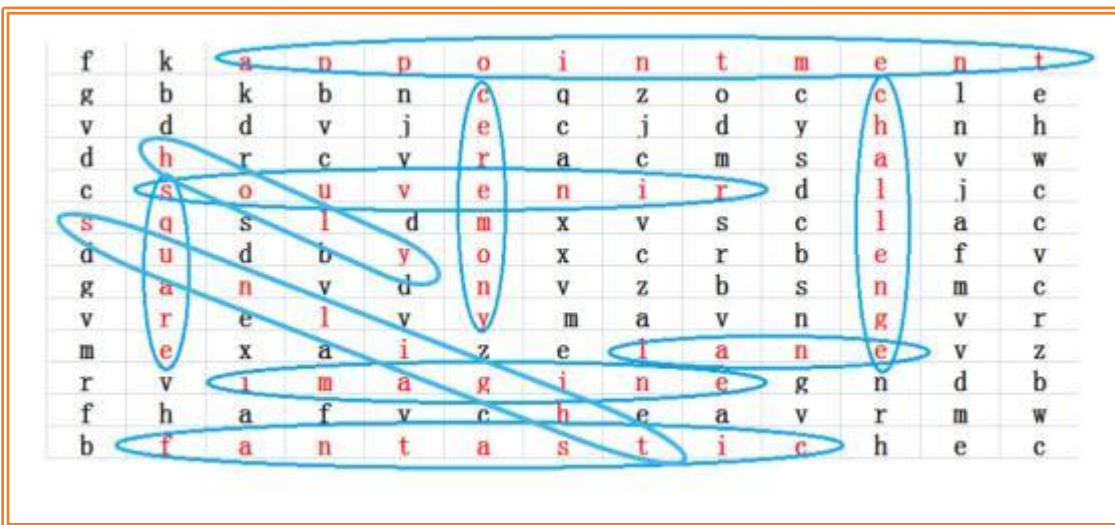
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Grammar Task

- a) are having/ are going to have
- b) am going to wash
- c) are going to visit/ are visiting
- d) is about to leave/ is leaving
- e) is arriving
- f) is about to start
- g) going to play

1. I am about to take a short trip next week. I am going to take a short trip next week.
 2. My friends are come to see me. My friends are coming to see me.
 3. What are you go to do this Saturday? What are you going to do this Saturday?
 4. Mr. Li and Mrs. Li are very happy because their first baby is about to borning.
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 5. There is a train for Beijing leaves at 9 o'clock. There is a train for Beijing leaving at 9 o'clock.
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2. Craig and I are going to visit the museum this Sunday.
 3. Why are you leaving from Shanghai to Beijing?
 4. The train is leaving in ten minutes.
 5. Kate, I am going to watch the movie Beauty and The Beast tomorrow. Would you like to come with me?

Vocabulary Task



appointment souvenir lane imagine fantastic
 challenge ceremony holy square sunlight

Writing

We are holding a birthday party on Mar 3rd. In the party, we are going to play some interesting games together. At the end of the party, we will eat the birthday cake which was made by me. Hope you can come to the party.

Listening Transcript

(Context: Class is over. The class leader asks everyone to keep quiet and he has something to announce.)

A:

Class leader: Hey guys! Are you free next Saturday? Ms. Juyoung is going to organize an outdoor activity next Saturday. Does anyone have any problems? (William raises his hand) Ok, William?

William: Me! What will we do on that day?

Class leader: During the day, we will go to the zoo. At the zoo, we will see many animals such as panda, lion, dolphin and penguin..... Because we are going to have a picnic there at noon, you need to bring some food on that day. After visiting the zoo, we will go to the theatre together and enjoy a fantastic movie called Beauty and The Beast. Don't worry. Ms. Juyoung will pay for our movie tickets.

Students: Hurray!

B:

(Kate raises her hand)

Class leader: What about you, Kate?

Kate: Sorry, I really want to join but I am seeing my dentist next Saturday. It is hard to make another appointment with my dentist so I can't miss that, but I can come at night and watch the movie!

Class leader: Alright, you can join us at night. Is there anyone else who cannot make it next Saturday?

William: Me! I am making a birthday cake for my mother next Saturday. It is her birthday and I am going to spend my whole day with her. I am so sorry for that.

Class leader: Never mind, William. I hope you have a good day with your mother. Anyone else?

Students: No.

Class leader: Okay, I will tell Ms. Juyoung that William cannot come and Kate will join us at night. According to the weather forecast, we will have strong sunlight on that day. Any problems? *(Tony raises his hand)* Tony?

Tony: Should we take umbrellas?

Class leader: Yes, and you'd better wear sun block cream, too.