1. The simple present is usually used with verbs of arriving and departing (come, go, leave, arrive, depart, return) to express a scheduled or planned event in the future

*I leave for Texas tomorrow.*

*My flight leaves Denver at 3:00 tomorrow.*

*It arrives in Houston at around 5:00.*

1. The simple present is also used with verbs of starting and finishing: begin, commence, start, finish, end, close, conclude.

*Final exams begin next week.*

*The semester ends in two weeks.*

1. The simple present may also be used with other verbs to express a scheduled event in the future. A future time word or phrase is used to make the time clear.

*I have a doctor's appointment next Monday*

1. The present continuous is also used with verbs of arriving, departing, starting, and finishing for a scheduled or planned event in the future.

*I'm leaving for Texas tomorrow.*

*I'm sorry. This store is closing in ten minutes.*

*My flight is arriving in Texas at 3:00 tomorrow.*

1. Verbs of the senses, emotion, thinking, and possession cannot be used in the present continuous to express future actions. Exceptions to this rule are see when it means have an appointment with and have when it does not mean possession.

*My doctor is seeing me tomorrow at 9:00.*

*I'm having an eye examination.*

1. To avoid confusion and make the time clear, a future time word accompanies the present continuous, unless the future time is already clear because of an earlier statement, in this case, the first sentence.

*My parents are arriving this weekend, and I'm very excited because I haven't seen them in six months. I'm picking them up at the airport in my new car.*