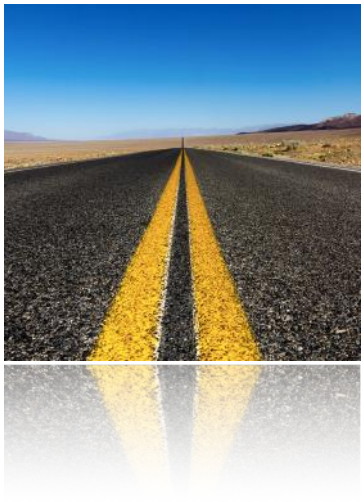
On the Road to Nowhere

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Practice talking about future plans and using the present continuous. Learn and practice expressions for making plans. Comprehension practice.

Activity one - Discussion.

- Where are you going in life?
- Where have you come from?



Activity Two - Talking Heads;

Watch the video and listen to the song. Then answer the questions.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWtCittJyr0

1. What different things are happening in the video?
2. What do you think the song is about?
3. Do you like the song?
4. Have you ever heard it before?
5. What do you think the main message of the song is?

Activity Three - What are you doing?

We can use the present continuous to talk about something which is happening right now, but it can also be used to talk about the future, (The present continuous is used to talk about arrangements for events at a time later than now..) For example - What are you doing now? You are in your English lesson, you are sitting on a chair etc… What are you doing later? You are having dinner in town with a friend. Practice with your partner - invent as many questions and answers as you can using the present continuous.

Activity Four - What are they doing? - What is happening in these pictures?



Activity Five - What are you doing after work?
Act out the following role plays with your partner.

1. You are at work and a colleague comes to ask you out. He asks what you are doing after work.

2. You are in the supermarket shopping and a stranger comes up to you to talk. You say that you are in a hurry, but he insists anyway and asks you out.

3. You are driving in your car and another driver signals to you and when you open your window they ask you out.

4. You are working as a waiter in a restaurant. One of the guests waits until her husband goes to the toilet and then asks what you are doing after work!

Activity Six - Making plans.

Here are some good expressions - With a new partner use them as sentence starters.

1. Are you free…? Yes I am/ No I'm not
2. Do you have time…? Yes I do/ No I don't
3. Are you busy…? Yes I am/ No I'm not
4. Do you want to…? I'm afraid I can't/ Yes I would/ how about another time.
5. Would you like to…? Yes I would/ No, sorry I can't.
6. How about + ING…? OK that's great/ No I'm not free sorry.
7. Shall we…? Yes let's/ No sorry I can't.
8. What do you think about…? Yes that's a good idea/ No I'm afraid I'm not free.

Activity Seven - Watch the first four and a half minutes of the video about Mr Bean making plans. Answer the comprehension questions. (Do not prepare this at home).



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME002XM_5Ws

1. What does Mr Bean complain about at the start of the video?
2. What does he do about it?
3. What present does he get?
4. What does he hear?
5. What does he try to do?
6. What's happening in the room he tries to get into?
7. What happens after he queues up to get into the party?
8. What does he say at the end?

Activity Eight - **Making Plans for a Party.**
With a new partner imagine a great plan for a special occasion party or event. Describe it to the class when you have decided on the details together.

And finally - You are on the road to speaking better English - tracking your progression on your learning journey is very important. It helps you to know what to concentrate on, what to prepare and what to practice.

- What do you think you need to work on more?
- If you look back at where you were when you started learning, how can you see your progression?

