

THE SIMPLE PRESENT WITH A FUTURE MEANING

a) We use the present simple when we are talking about time-tables, programmes, etc. (for example, for public transport, cinemas):

- What time **does the film begin**?
- The train **leaves** Plymouth at 10.30 and **arrives** in London at 13.45.
- The football match **starts** at 8 o'clock.
- Tomorrow **is** Wednesday.

b) But **we do not normally use** the present simple for personal arrangements:

- What time **are you meeting** Ann? (not '**do you meet**').