Present Continuous for Future and Going to – grammar exercise.

In each sentence below (using the verbs in brackets) you can use "Going to" OR Present Continuous for Future - if possible. "Going to" is possible in all answers.

Instructions:
a) Do the exercise once using only "going to" to practise the structure. Check your answers with your teacher.

b) Now do the exercise again. This time you should use Present Continuous for Future where possible. If it is NOT possible, use the "going to" form.

c) Check the new answers with your teacher.

1) I (learn) Japanese at the University next year.

2) That man is very angry with the waiter. He (leave) without paying.

3) John and Mary (have) dinner in an expensive restaurant this evening.

4) What (you do) for your holidays this summer?

5) I (get) that job today! I don't want to be unemployed any longer!

6) I (not hurt) you ever again - I swear!

7) Look, the horses are at the starting gates. The race (start).

8) Aunt Mary (come) to see us next week. I'm looking forward to it.

9) If you walk on my garden, I (call) the police.

10) "Do you think the sun (come out)?" "I don't think so. It's still raining at the moment."
**Teacher’s notes.**  
**Present Continuous for Future and Going to.**  
**Answers.**

(Time for activity: 30 mins approx. Level: lower intermediate.)

1) am going to learn / am learning (both are possible as this is a plan for the future).

2) is going to leave (a prediction - if you use present continuous here it would mean NOW and not refer to the future).

3) going to have / are having (both are possible as this is a plan for the future).

4) are you going to do / are you doing (both are possible as this is a plan for the future).

5) am going to get ("am getting" is possible here but there is less determination from the speaker with present continuous).

6) not going to hurt (if you say "not hurting" there is no sense of promise).

7) is going to start (a prediction - "is starting" would mean now not the immediate future).

8) is going to come / is coming (both are possible as this is a plan for the future).

9) am going to call (present continuous for future here does not give the idea of a threat).

10) is going to come out (present continuous would refer to now).

Enjoy the class!

See explanation of "going to" and present continuous for future...

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