

Activity Type

Grammar Exercises: identifying, gap-fill, matching, writing sentences, freer practice

Focus

Future simple for offers, promises and decisions

Aim

To learn how to use the future simple to make offers, promises and decisions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a future simple worksheet to help students learn how to use the future simple to make offers, promises and decisions.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Read through the introduction and examples together as a class.

Students then read a set of statements and write 'O' for offer, 'P' for promise, or 'D' for decision next to each one.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. D 2. P 3. O 4. O 5. D 6. P

Next, students complete offers, promises and decisions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. will make	5. will have
2. will put	6. will walk
3. won't join	7. won't get
4. will be	8. will pay

Students then move on to match statements with offers, promises or decisions.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. b 2. d 3. e 4. a 5. f 6. c 7. h 8. g

Afterwards, students read statements and write an offer or promise for each one.

In pairs, students then say the statements to their partner and write down their partner's offers and promises.

In the last exercise, students make decisions based on the offers and promises written on the worksheet. Students then write a sentence about each decision.

Finally, review the students' offers, promises and decisions together as a class and provide feedback.

We use the future simple tense...

...to **offer** to do something for someone.

Examples: **I will** carry that bag for you. It looks heavy.

I will teach you to play the guitar.

...to **promise** to do something.

Examples: **I will** (I promise to) be really careful with your car.

I won't (I promise not to) open the present before my birthday.

...to make a spontaneous **decision** at the time of speaking. Before we speak, there is no plan or decision to do something.

Examples: **I will** have the tomato soup, please.

It just started raining. **I will** get an umbrella.



A. Write 'O' for offer, 'P' for promise, or 'D' for decision next to each statement.

1. I will answer the door. I'm closer to it than you are.
2. I will always love you.
3. I will wash the dishes after dinner. You relax.
4. I didn't know that you were having a problem. I will help you.
5. It's getting hot outside. I will get us some lemonade when I go in the house.
6. I will finish painting this room by tonight.

B. Complete the offers, promises and decisions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. You look tired. I (make) the dinner if you want.
2. It looks very cold outside. I (put) on a warm jacket.
3. My gym just increased its prices. I (not join) again.
4. I'm sorry for breaking the window. I (be) more careful from now on.
5. Would you like tea or coffee? I (have) a cup of coffee, please.
6. I (walk) the dog every day while you are away.
7. Yes, mum. I (not get) my new shoes dirty. I promise.
8. Thanks for the loan. I (pay) you back next week.

C. Match each statement on the left with an offer, promise or decision on the right.

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| 1. I want to lose weight. | a. I will make sure I go to bed earlier. |
| 2. The shop has a closing down sale. | b. I'll go to the gym to exercise with you. |
| 3. It's going to be cold and wet. | c. I'll explain it again for you. |
| 4. You fell asleep in class again. | d. I'll go and buy something there tomorrow. |
| 5. He keeps talking badly about you. | e. I'll get my coat and umbrella. |
| 6. I really don't understand this word. | f. I won't be his friend anymore. |
| 7. It's so cold that my car won't start, and I have a meeting at 10.00 a.m. | g. I'll stop in and visit her every day while you are away. |
| 8. I'm going to worry about my grandmother when I'm on holiday. | h. I'll give you a ride to work after we finish breakfast. |

D. For each statement, write an offer or a promise. Then, say the statements to a partner and record their offers or promises in the last column.

Statement	Your offer or promise	Your partner's offer or promise
1. I lost my wallet.
2. It's my birthday.
3. I broke my leg.
4. I forgot my jacket.
5. My laptop won't start.
6. I won \$1 million.

E. For each statement above, make a decision based on the offers or promises in the second and third columns. Write a sentence about each decision.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.