

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
2. will put
3. won't renew
4. will be
5. will have
6. will walk
7. won't get
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, the students then say the statements to their partner and write their partner's offers and promises on the worksheet.

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 love you forever.
3. I will wash the dishes after dinner. You relax.
4. I didn't know that you were having difficulty. 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. The TV remote needs new batteries. I (put) some new ones in now.
3. My gym just increased its fees. I (not renew) my membership.
4. I am sorry I lied to you. I (be) more honest 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 sleep more. |
| 2. The store has a closing down sale. | b. I'll go to the gym to work out with you. |
| 3. It's going to be hot and sunny. | c. I'll explain it again for you. |
| 4. You fell asleep in class again. | d. I'll go and shop there tomorrow. |
| 5. He keeps talking badly about you. | e. I'll buy some sunscreen and a hat. |
| 6. I really don't understand this word. | f. I won't be his friend anymore. |
| 7. It snowed a lot overnight and I can't move
my car. | 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 help you clear the driveway after
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 the lottery.

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.