

## Present or Future- Simplest Responses

### Instructions for teachers

*Cut up one card of each kind for each student. Students listen to you read out phrases from below and race to raise the “present” or “future” card depending on what they think about the meaning of what you say. If they aren’t sure, read a contrasting one from below.*

*After a few minutes of this, give out copies of the worksheet and get students to label the sentences “P” for present or “F” for future, telling them that there is one of each kind in each pair.*

*After checking their answers, students can test each other by:*

- Playing the same holding up cards game, first with the phrases below and then with their own ideas
- Reading out a phrase with a word missing for their partner to complete

*The gapfill task below can be done before or after they test each other.*

### Cards for students to hold up

<b>Present</b>	<b>Future</b>
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I often write reports.  
I'll finish the report by Friday.

I'm meeting him on Monday.  
I can't speak now, I'm in a meeting.

I almost always come to work by train.  
If he comes later, I'll ask him then.

I always see him on Sundays.  
I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

I usually listen to the news on the radio.  
I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

I often watch comedies.  
I'd like to go to the cinema tonight.

What brings you here today?  
When are you seeing him next?

What are you working on at the moment?  
Will you be finished by April?

Are you still working on the new compressor?  
Will you see him again soon?

Do you have any plans for the weekend?  
What do you usually do at the weekend?

I see him every day.  
I'll be seeing him soon.

I'm sorry but he's away from his desk at the moment.  
I'll pass your message onto him as soon as he gets back.

I often meet your boss.  
I'd like to meet your boss next week.

I leave the office at seven o'clock on weekdays.  
I'll be there in ten minutes.

I go to the amusement arcade at the weekend.  
I'm going to see him next weekend.

I always meet him after work.  
I've arranged to meet him the day after tomorrow.

Sorry, I can't talk right now. I'm on a train.  
Sorry, I'm meeting a client in five minutes. Can I call you back after my meeting?

I'd love to meet but I'm afraid I'm flying to New York at that time.  
I'm afraid he's meeting a client at the moment.

I'm calling about the latest delivery.  
I'm afraid there will be a delay in the delivery. It will arrive at 9 p.m. tonight.

I'm seeing him again on Tuesday.  
I've arrived. I'm standing just outside the North entrance. Do you know where that is?

Our market share is expected to improve next year.  
Our market share is currently improving.

We're presently researching optical computers.  
We're presenting our results in December.

Now we're working on a new app.  
We're studying telephone English next.

I'm just getting off the plane now.  
We're having a video conference at three on Tuesday.

We're having a party on Friday evening. Would you like to come?  
We're having problems with the server.

I hope to meet you again soon.  
We meet at nine thirty on Monday mornings.



today  
tomorrow

every day  
the day after tomorrow

next week  
this week

in November  
this month

the year after next  
this year

every Monday  
next Monday

on Monday  
on Mondays

once a day  
one day

in two weeks  
twice a week

in three years  
three times a year

some time  
sometimes

at two o'clock on Mondays  
in two hours

later  
(right) now

ASAP  
at the moment

currently  
immediately

presently  
straightaway

How long will you...?  
How often do you...?

What kind of movie do you watch?  
What sort of movie would you like to watch?

What are you doing here?  
When are you seeing him?

What are you working on?  
When will you be finished?

How's work?  
Do you have any plans for the weekend?

Are you staying near here?  
Will you be here long?

How long does it take?  
How long will it take?

I'd like to meet you...  
I'm writing to you about...

I never go...  
I'll never go...

He's wearing a purple tie.  
I'll be seeing him soon.

I like Thai food.  
I'd like Thai food.

I often meet your boss.  
I'd like to meet your boss.

I get up...  
I'll get up...

I go to the amusement arcade in the evening.  
I'm going to see him in the evening.

I meet him...  
I've arranged to meet him...

Sorry, I can't talk. I'm on a train.  
Sorry, I can't stop. I'm meeting a client.

I'd love to meet but I'm afraid I'm flying to New York.  
I'm afraid he's out of the office meeting a client.

I'm afraid there'll be a delay in the delivery.  
I'm phoning about the latest delivery.

I'm seeing him at his office, so I'll ask him for you.  
I'm standing just outside the North entrance. Do you know where that is?

Just a moment. I'll get a pen.  
Just a moment. I'm just writing that down.

Our market share is expected to improve.  
Our market share is improving.

We're researching optical computers.  
We're presenting our results at the board meeting.

We're having four weeks of lessons on telephone English.  
We're working on a new app.

I'm just getting off the plane.  
We're having a video conference on that topic. I'll suggest it then.

We're having dinner in a Cambodian restaurant. Would you like to come with us?  
We're here to celebrate a very successful financial year.

I'm calling to...  
I'm meeting...

I'm ringing about...  
I'm seeing him...

I'm writing about...  
I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Let's meet...  
We meet...

We don't meet...  
Why don't we meet...?

I'm phoning about...  
I'll make sure that he gets your message.

We don't...  
We won't...



**Gapfill**

*First of all without looking above, put one word into each gap below. Some words above might also be possible.*

I'll finish the report \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.

I'm meeting him \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.

I can't speak now, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting.

I almost \_\_\_\_\_ come to work by train.

If he comes later, I'll ask him \_\_\_\_\_.

I always see him \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays.

I'm looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ seeing you soon.

I'm looking forward to hearing \_\_\_\_\_ you soon.

I \_\_\_\_\_ like to go to the cinema tonight.

\_\_\_\_\_ brings you here today?

\_\_\_\_\_ are you seeing him next?

What are you working \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment?

Will you be finished \_\_\_\_\_ April?

\_\_\_\_\_ you still working on the new compressor?

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ any plans for the weekend?

What \_\_\_\_\_ you usually do at the weekend?

I see him \_\_\_\_\_ day.

I'll \_\_\_\_\_ seeing him soon.

I'm sorry but he's away from his desk \_\_\_\_\_ the moment.

I'll pass your message onto him \_\_\_\_\_ soon as he gets back.

I'd \_\_\_\_\_ to meet your boss next week.

I leave the office \_\_\_\_\_ seven o'clock on weekdays.

I'll be there \_\_\_\_\_ ten minutes.

I \_\_\_\_\_ going to see him next weekend.

I've arranged to meet him the day \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.

Sorry, I can't talk right now. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a train.

Sorry, I'm meeting a client in five minutes. Can I call you back \_\_\_\_\_ my meeting?

I'd love to meet but I'm afraid I'm flying to New York at \_\_\_\_\_ time.

I'm afraid he's meeting a client at \_\_\_\_\_ moment.

I'm calling \_\_\_\_\_ the latest delivery.

I \_\_\_\_\_ arrived. I'm standing just outside the North entrance. Do you know where that is?

Our market share \_\_\_\_\_ expected to improve next year.

Our market share \_\_\_\_\_ currently improving.

We \_\_\_\_\_ presently researching optical computers.

We're presenting our results \_\_\_\_\_ December.

We're \_\_\_\_\_ a video conference at three on Tuesday.

We're having a party on Friday evening. \_\_\_\_\_ you like to come?

We're \_\_\_\_\_ problems with the server.

I hope \_\_\_\_\_ meet you again soon.

the year after \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday

\_\_\_\_\_ Mondays

once \_\_\_\_\_ day

twice \_\_\_\_\_ week

three \_\_\_\_\_ a year  
\_\_\_\_\_ two o'clock on Mondays  
The meeting will end \_\_\_\_\_ two hours  
( \_\_\_\_\_ ) now  
Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ plans for the weekend?  
I go to the amusement arcade \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.  
Just \_\_\_\_\_ moment. I'll get a pen.  
We're having dinner in a Cambodian restaurant. Would you like to come \_\_\_\_\_ us?  
I'll make sure that he \_\_\_\_\_ your message.

*Use the mixed answers below to help with the task above. Some can be used more than once.*

- a
- about
- after
- after
- always
- am
- any
- are
- as
- at
- be
- by
- do
- every
- from
- gets
- have
- having
- in
- is
- like
- next
- on
- right
- that
- the
- then
- times
- to
- what
- when
- with
- would