

**Present or future simplest responses game
including Present Continuous for actions in progress and future arrangements**

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

Present	Future
Present	Future
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Present	Future
Present	Future

Future forms and time expressions simplest responses game

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 pachinko parlour 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.

Present and future time expressions simplest responses game

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

Present and future verb forms simplest responses game

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...



Present and future gapfill

First of all without looking above, put one word into each gap below. Some words not 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 these mixed answers 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

Check above or as a class, checking any different answers which you wrote.