





Future with Simple Present

Talking About Schedules, Timetables, and Official Events

Learning Goals

By the end of this lesson, you will:

- Understand when and why we use the simple present for future events.
- Identify key phrases for talking about timetables and schedules.
- Form correct sentences for scheduled events using the simple present.
- Practice describing real-life events and plans using this structure.





Why Use Simple Present for the Future?

Fixed Schedules and Timetables

We use the simple present tense to talk about future events that are fixed, like:

- Train or bus schedules
- Class times
- Meetings and official events

This is because these events are not flexible—they happen at set times, just like a timetable.

Key Phrases for Schedules

Common Expressions

- The train leaves at 8:00 AM.
- The bus arrives at 10:15.
- The next train is at 11:30.
- The last bus departs at midnight.

These phrases help you talk about things that happen at a set time.



Travel Schedules in Action





The train to Puebla leaves at 9:00 AM.
This shows a fixed, scheduled departure.

The bus arrives in ten minutes.

This tells us about a set arrival time.

How to Form Sentences

1 Choose Subject

Pick the thing with the schedule: the train, the bus, my class.

2 Use Base Verb

Add the action: leaves, starts, arrives. Use -s for he/she/it.

3 Add Time

Finish with the scheduled time or date.

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Meetings and Classes

Scheduled Events in Daily Life

Use the simple present to talk about meetings and classes:

- The team meeting **starts** at 10:00 AM.
- My English class is every Monday at 6:00 PM.
- The project review **begins** at 2:00 PM.

This makes your communication clear and precise.



Talking About Official Programs

School, Holidays, and Events

The simple present is used for official schedules:

- Our school year starts in September.
- The concert **begins** at 8:00 PM.
- The library **closes** at 7:00 PM on weekdays.

These events are fixed and planned, not spontaneous.



Fill in the blanks 🧩

The flight to Oaxaca ____ at 7:00 ___ from the ____.

Word bank the bus, leaves, AM, PM, arrives, airport

Answers on the next slide...

Fill in the blanks 🧩



The bus to Oaxaca leaves at 7:00 AM from airport.

Word bank the bus, leaves, AM, PM, arrives, station



Summary: Mastering the Simple Present for the Future

You now know how to use the simple present to talk about future scheduled events!

- Use it for timetables, meetings, classes, and official programs.
- Remember: if it's on a schedule, use the simple present.
- Practice with real examples from your life to get even better.

Great job—keep practicing and you'll sound natural talking about future plans!