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Student Workbook

Understanding Referencing Dates in English

A polished self-study handout designed for print or tablet use. Read the concept, notice the pattern, and then complete the matching practice set on your own.



Grammar Concepts #15

Concept #15: Referencing Dates

Visual anchor

Use the concept poster to spotlight the main language pattern in **Understanding Referencing Dates in English** and keep the explanation visible during practice and discussion.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Study the different ways to refer to the relations between events on a calendar.

Note: In business, specify the day of the week and the date when possible.

01 — Today
07 — Party
19 — Concert
30 — Wedding

- The party will be (held) next Thursday.
- The party will be (held) a week from yesterday.
- The party will be (held) (on) the first Thursday of this month.
- The concert will be (held) in three Tuesdays.
- The concert will be (held) three Tuesdays from today.
- The concert will be (held) twelve days after the party.
- The wedding will be (held) five Saturdays from now.
- The wedding will be (held) four weeks from tomorrow.
- The wedding will be (held) eleven days after the concert.

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Core Idea

In English, referring to dates and the relationship between events on a calendar can be expressed in various ways. Let's break down the examples provided in the image and explain the grammar concepts involved.

Quick reference

1. Referencing Events with Days of the Week	Next [Day of the Week]: Refers to the upcoming occurrence of that day in the following week. Example: "The party will be (held) next Thursday." This means the party is scheduled for the Thursday of the next week from the current week.
2. Using "In" and "From" for Specific Intervals	In [Number] [Days/Weeks/Months/Years]: Indicates a time frame in the future from today. Example: "The concert will be (held) in three Tuesdays." If today is Tuesday, the concert is in three weeks from today.
3. Using Days Relative to Another Event	[Number] days/weeks after [Event]: Indicates a time frame after a specific event. Example: "The concert will be (held) twelve days after the party." If the party is on the 7th, twelve days later is the 19th, so the concert is on the 19th.
4. Referencing Specific Dates in Business Context	Today is [Date]: "Today is August 1st."
Practice Sentences	Next Week/Month/Year: "The report is due next Monday." "We will start the new project next month." "The contract will be renewed next year."

Concept #15: Referencing Dates

1. Referencing Events with Days of the Week

When mentioning events that will occur in relation to a specific day of the week, different phrases can be used to indicate timing:

Examples:

- Next [Day of the Week]: Refers to the upcoming occurrence of that day in the following week. Example: "The party will be (held) next Thursday." This means the party is scheduled for the Thursday of the next week from the current week.



- A week from [Day of the Week]: Indicates the same day of the week in the following week. Example: "The party will be (held) a week from yesterday." If today is Friday, this means the party is on Thursday of the next week.
- [Ordinal Day of the Month] + of this month: Refers to a specific day in the current month. Example: "The party will be (held) on the first Thursday of this month." If the first Thursday of the current month is the 7th, the party is on the 7th.

2. Using "In" and "From" for Specific Intervals

Examples:

- In [Number] [Days/Weeks/Months/Years]: Indicates a time frame in the future from today. Example: "The concert will be (held) in three Tuesdays." If today is Tuesday, the concert is in three weeks from today.
- [Number] [Days/Weeks/Months/Years] from [Today/Specific Date]: Specifies an interval starting from today or a given date. Example: "The concert will be (held) three Tuesdays from today." Similar to the previous example, this indicates the concert is three weeks from today.

3. Using Days Relative to Another Event

Examples:

- [Number] days/weeks after [Event]: Indicates a time frame after a specific event. Example: "The concert will be (held) twelve days after the party." If the party is on the 7th, twelve days later is the 19th, so the concert is on the 19th.
- [Number] days/weeks before [Event]: Specifies a time frame before a certain event. Example: "The wedding will be (held) five Saturdays from now." If today is Saturday, five Saturdays from now is 35 days later.

4. Referencing Specific Dates in Business Context

In a professional setting, it is important to be precise. Mentioning the day of the week along with the date helps avoid confusion.

Examples:

- Today is [Date]: "Today is August 1st."
- The meeting is on [Day], [Date]: "The meeting is on Monday, August 7th."

Practice Sentences

To help solidify these concepts, here are additional practice sentences:

- Next Week/Month/Year: "The report is due next Monday." "We will start the new project next month." "The contract will be renewed next year."
- Specific Dates: "The seminar is on the second Wednesday of October." "The deadline is on the 15th of this month."



- Days Relative to Today: "The results will be announced in two weeks." "We have a review meeting three days from today."
- Relative to Another Event: "The follow-up meeting is scheduled ten days after the initial presentation." "The training session will be held two weeks before the conference."

By understanding and practicing these phrases, non-native speakers can effectively reference dates and times in English, ensuring clear and precise communication.



Practice Check

Answer the quiz questions below with responses consistent with the concepts taught on the left.

ITEM 01

The party will be held ___ Thursday, which is in the next week.

- A. next
- B. last
- C. under

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 02

The meeting is scheduled for ___ Tuesday, so mark your calendars for the following week.

- A. next
- B. under
- C. before

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 03

We will meet again a week from ____, which means seven days from now.

- A. today
- B. next
- C. first

Correct choice: _____

**ITEM 04**

The seminar will be held ___ the first Wednesday of next month, not this month.

- A. in
- B. under
- C. on

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 05

The workshop will be held ___ three Fridays, starting from today.

- A. in
- B. over
- C. with

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 06

The project starts ___ four months, so plan accordingly.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. under

Correct choice: _____

**ITEM 07**

We will reconvene ___ the 10th of November, so please be prepared.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. on

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 08

The conference will be held ___ the third Monday of September, not the first.

- A. in
- B. under
- C. on

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 09

The results will be announced ___ two weeks, so stay tuned.

- A. in
- B. under
- C. with

Correct choice: _____

**ITEM 10**

The wedding will be held ___ the 21st of July, so mark your calendar.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. under

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 11

The concert will be held ___ three days from today, so get your tickets.

- A. in
- B. over
- C. under

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 12

The report is due ___ next Monday, so start working on it.

- A. by
- B. at
- C. with

Correct choice: _____

**ITEM 13**

The follow-up meeting is scheduled ___ ten days after the initial presentation.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. over

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 14

The training session will be held ___ two weeks before the conference, so prepare in advance.

- A. exactly
- B. at
- C. over

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 15

The deadline is ___ the 15th of this month, so submit your work on time.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. under

Correct choice: _____

**ITEM 16**

The project review is scheduled ___ three weeks from tomorrow.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. under

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 17

The meeting is set for ___ Tuesday, August 7th.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. at

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 18

We have a review meeting ___ three days from today.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. under

Correct choice: _____

**ITEM 19**

The results will be announced ___ four weeks.

- A. in
 - B. over
 - C. under
-

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 20

The project will start ___ the 1st of next month.

- A. on
 - B. in
 - C. at
-

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 21

The meeting is scheduled ___ Monday, August 7th.

- A. on
 - B. in
 - C. at
-

Correct choice: _____

**ITEM 22**

The follow-up meeting is scheduled ___ two weeks after the initial presentation.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. over

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 23

The deadline is ___ the 10th of next month.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. at

Correct choice: _____

ITEM 24

The project will be reviewed ___ three weeks from today.

- A. in
- B. over
- C. under

Correct choice: _____



Self-check Answer Key

Use the key after you have completed every item on your own.

ITEM 01 A. next

ITEM 02 A. next

ITEM 03 A. today

ITEM 04 C. on

ITEM 05 A. in

ITEM 06 A. in

ITEM 07 C. on

ITEM 08 C. on

ITEM 09 A. in

ITEM 10 A. on

ITEM 11 A. in

ITEM 12 A. by

ITEM 13 A. in

ITEM 14 A. exactly



ITEM 15 A. on

ITEM 16 A. in

ITEM 17 A. on

ITEM 18 A. in

ITEM 19 A. in

ITEM 20 A. on

ITEM 21 A. on

ITEM 22 A. in

ITEM 23 A. on

ITEM 24 A. in