

# English Ladder

## Teaching Guide

## Understanding Referencing Dates in English

A concise classroom guide with lesson flow, teaching cues, and a ready-to-use answer key built around the same English Ladder concept sheet.



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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Concept #15 ▶ **Referencing Dates**

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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## At a Glance

<p><b>Lesson focus</b> Understanding Referencing Dates in English</p>	<p><b>Suggested timing</b> 45-60 minutes</p>
<p><b>Core objective</b> Students explain the target pattern clearly and apply it accurately in controlled practice and discussion.</p>	<p><b>Materials</b> Student PDF, the concept image, board space, and time for partner checking.</p>

## Suggested Lesson Flow

<b>Warm-up</b>	Display the concept image and ask learners to predict the rule behind <b>Understanding Referencing Dates in English</b> before reading the explanation.
<b>Model</b>	Walk through the Core Idea and the sections on Concept #15: Referencing Dates. Pause after each part so students can restate the pattern in plain English.
<b>Guided practice</b>	Project two or three examples from the concept sheet and ask pairs to explain why each choice works, not just what the answer is.
<b>Independent work</b>	Assign the 24 practice items for quiet work, partner checking, and final feedback.
<b>Closure</b>	Ask students to create one new sentence or mini-example of their own that follows the same pattern.



## Likely Learner Errors

- Learners may overgeneralize the first pattern they notice. Keep returning to **Concept #15: Referencing Dates** and ask students to explain what changes from one example to the next.
- Long explanations can hide the signal word or structure. Have students underline the exact phrase that tells them which form, pattern, or response is needed.
- If students can choose an answer but cannot explain it, ask them to justify their choice using words taken directly from the concept sheet.

## Differentiation and Delivery Notes

- Support: teach one section at a time, then send students back to **the examples** or the practice set so they can apply the same rule immediately.
- Pair work: let students compare answers aloud before you reveal the key. The explanation step is as important as the final answer.
- Extension: ask stronger students to write two fresh examples or a short dialogue that uses the same target language accurately.

## Model Language from the Concept Sheet

- "The party will be (held) next Thursday." This means the party is scheduled for the Thursday of the next week from the current week.
- "The party will be (held) a week from yesterday." If today is Friday, this means the party is on Thursday of the next week.
- "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.
- "The concert will be (held) in three Tuesdays." If today is Tuesday, the concert is in three weeks from today.
- "The concert will be (held) three Tuesdays from today." Similar to the previous example, this indicates the concert is three weeks from today.
- "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.



## Answer Key

Use this key for whole-class feedback or fast marking.

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



## Feedback Cues

- Item 01: Explanation: "Next Thursday" refers to the upcoming occurrence of Thursday in the following week. "Last Thursday" refers to the Thursday of the previous week, and "under Thursday" is grammatically incorrect because "under" is not used to reference time in this context.
- Item 02: Explanation: "Next Tuesday" refers to the upcoming occurrence of Tuesday in the following week. "Under Tuesday" is incorrect because "under" is not used to refer to time, and "before Tuesday" suggests something happening prior to the next Tuesday, which does not fit the context.
- Item 03: Explanation: "A week from today" indicates the same day of the week in the following week. "Next" by itself does not provide the necessary context, and "first" does not correctly indicate a time frame in this context.
- Item 04: Explanation: "On the first Wednesday" specifies a particular day in the next month. "In the first Wednesday" is incorrect because "in" does not properly indicate the specific day, and "under the first Wednesday" is not a correct usage for time.
- Item 05: Explanation: "In three Fridays" indicates an event happening in three weeks from today. "Over three Fridays" suggests a duration rather than a specific point in time, and "with three Fridays" is incorrect as it does not denote a time frame.
- Item 06: Explanation: "In four months" specifies a future time frame. "On four months" is incorrect because "on" is used for specific days, not months, and "under" is not used to reference time.