

Elementary English for Tourism and Hospitality
LESSON 15 – Discussing a Tour
STUDY NOTES
Characters

Leo: Receptionist
 Mona: Guest
 Jack: Guest

The story

Leo discusses tours with Jack and Mona.

Grammar - Use of present tense to talk about the future

Present tense is used with a future time phrase to talk about something that will happen at a later stage. Below are some examples. The present tense verbs and time phrases are in bold. Read them out loud.

The tour **is** on at three **this afternoon**.

The festival **opens** tonight and goes for **two days**.

The parade **starts** at 3 p.m. on **Friday**.

The tour **commences** at 2 p.m. **next Tuesday**.

The festival **begins tomorrow** and goes for **five days**.

Grammar – ‘Promotional’ adjectives

Look up the meaning and pronunciation of these adjectives in your dictionary.

affordable	colourful	exciting	fascinating	great
interesting	perfect	popular	reasonable	wonderful

Below are some examples of adjectives in sentences that can be used to promote things or events. In spoken English, the key words in a sentence are given more emphasis or stress. Read the following sentences out loud and stress the words that are in bold.

It's a **perfect** day for a **cruise**.

It's a **great** day for a **cruise**.

The **costumes** are very **colourful**.

The **costumes** are very **interesting**.

The **price** is very **reasonable**.

The **price** is very **affordable**.

The **exhibition** is really **interesting**.

The **exhibition** is really **fascinating**.

The **museum** has some **wonderful** exhibits.

The **museum** has some **interesting** exhibits.

The **parade** is always **exciting**.

The **parade** is always **popular**.

EXERCISES

1. Key vocabulary

Look up the meaning and pronunciation of these words in your dictionary.

animals	anywhere	colourful	cruise
dolphin	harbour	interest	luck
only	parade	reasonable	something
sunny	sunset	watch	zoo

2. Jumbled sentences - Use of present tense to talk about the future

Rewrite the sentences with the words in the correct order. After you have checked your answers, read each sentence out loud.

1. three afternoon is the at tour this on

2. opens days and goes two tonight festival for the

3. Friday the 3 p.m. on parade at starts

3. Language Practice - Promotional adjectives

Use the models on the previous page to write sentences from the key words below.

Example:

costumes / really / interesting
The costumes are really interesting.

1. museum exciting exhibits

2. parade / always / colourful

3. tour / city / very / interesting

4. The Chant

Practise saying this chant out loud.

What did you have?
What did you have?
What did you have in mind?

The tour is on
The tour is on
The tour is on at nine.

Suggested Answers: 2. 1) The tour is on at three this afternoon. 2) The festival opens tonight and goes for two days. 3) The parade starts at 3 p.m. on Friday
3. 1) The museum has some exciting exhibits. 2) The parade is always colourful. 3) The tour of the city is very interesting.