

WILL / WON'T (PROMISES, OFFERS, DECISIONS)

READING

a Look at the six promises below. What do they have in common?

I won't tell anyone.

I will always love you.

I'll come back tomorrow.

I'll write.

I will pay you back tomorrow

This won't hurt

b Read the article and write the correct promise in the gaps 1- 6

c Read the definitions below. Find words to match to the definitions in the article.

1. _____(n) a person who repairs water pipes, baths, etc.

2. _____(n) studies to find more information about something.

3. _____(n) putting medicine under the skin with a needle.

4. _____(n) the act of travelling from one place to another.

5. _____(adv) too / also (only used in negative sentences).

6. _____(adv) something which lasts forever.

PRONUNCIATION

a Read these two-syllable words from the article. Underline five words that are stressed on the second syllable.

secret	forget	exist
always	complete	dentist
borrow	e-mail	money
promise	address	doctor
worry	journey	before

Promises, promises

We make them and we break them, because some promises are very hard to keep. Here are the top six most common broken promises ...

1 _____
You always hear this from builders, plumbers, and electricians. But the truth is very different. They won't come back until next week (or later). And you will probably need to phone them five times first.



2 _____
We love hearing secrets and we happily make this promise. And at the time we really mean it. 'Don't worry,' we say, 'your secret is safe with me.' But of course it isn't. Research shows that everybody will always tell one other person the secret. Very soon the whole street will know!

3 _____
A favourite phrase of doctors, dentists, and nurses. They usually say it just before they give you an injection. But the phrase is not complete. The full phrase is: 'This won't hurt me (but it will probably hurt you a lot).'

4 _____
You make a new friend on holiday or on a bus journey, you swap e-mail addresses, and you make this promise. Six months later you find a name and e-mail address on a card or an old piece of paper. 'Oh dear!' you think – but then you remember that they didn't write to you either!

5 _____
In *Hamlet*, Shakespeare told us never to borrow or lend money. He was right. When we lend people money they always make this promise, but then they forget. If we then ask for the money back, they think we are mean. If we don't ask, we never get the money back.

6 _____
Whitney Houston sang a song about this and every day, all over the world thousands of people make the same promise to each other. We know eternal love exists, but is this promise the most difficult one to keep of them all?

GRAMMAR

a Complete the sentences below with a verb from a box.

have	help	love	open	pay	take
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- I'll _____ the steak, please.
- I'll _____ you back tomorrow.
- I'll _____ you!
- I'll always _____ you.
- Shall I _____ the window.
- Yes, it's very nice. I'll _____ it.

b Match the sentences from exercise a and match them to the cartoons A-F.

A



B



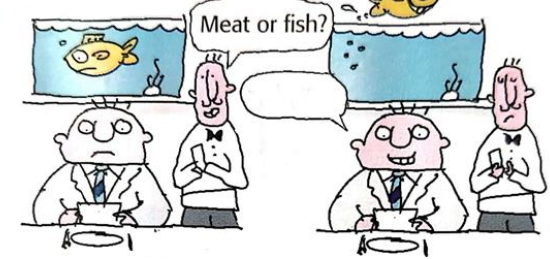
C



D



E



F



c Look at the sentences again. In which sentences are people...?

...making a promise? 2 and ____

...making a decision? ____ and ____

...offering to do something? ____ and ____

3C will (promises, offers, and decisions)

Decisions	I won't have the fish, I'll have the steak. We'll take the 6.30 train.
Offers	I'll help you with your homework. Shall I open the window?
Promises	I'll always love you. I won't tell anyone.

- Use *will / won't* + infinitive for making decisions, offering, and promising.
I'll help you with those bags. NOT I-help-you.
- Use *Shall I...? or Shall we...?* when an offer is a question.
Shall I pay? Shall we call you tonight at 7.00?

3C

a Match the sentences.

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| It's cold in here. | G A I'll help you to do it. |
| 1 I'm thirsty. | B Shall I make you a sandwich? |
| 2 I have a headache. | C Shall I carry one for you? |
| 3 This exercise is hard. | D I'll lend you some money. |
| 4 I'm hungry. | F I'll send it by e-mail now. |
| 5 These bags are heavy. | G Shall I shut the window? |
| 6 I left my wallet at home. | H Shall I turn off the music? |
| 7 I need that photo urgently. | I I'll get you a glass of water. |

b Complete the sentences with *will / won't (or shall)* + a verb.

call forget have help pay take tell

- A What would you like? B *I'll have* the pasta.
 1 A I can't open this window. B _____ you?
 2 A It's a secret. B I _____ anyone, I promise.
 3 A When will I see you again? B I _____ you tonight.
 4 Can I borrow €50? I _____ you back tomorrow.
 5 A It's my birthday next week. B Don't worry. I _____.
 6 A I don't feel very well. B _____ I _____ you home?

VOCABULARY (verb + back)

a Look at the sentences below. What's the difference between *go* and *go back*?

I'm **going** to Italy I'm **going back** to Italy

b Complete the dialogues with a verb from the box.

call back	come back	give it back	pay me back	take it back
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- 1
A I love that shirt you gave me for my birthday. But it's a bit small.
B Don't worry. I'll _____ to the shop and change it.
- 2
A Can I speak to Bart, please?
B I'm sorry. He's not here at the moment.
A OK. I'll _____ later.
- 3
A Excuse me. Could I talk to you for a moment?
B I'm really busy at the moment. Could you _____ in five minutes?
- 4
A That's my pen you're using!
B No, it's not. It's mine.
A No, it's mine. _____!
- 5
A Can you lend me 50 euros, Nick?
B It depends. When can you _____?
A Tomorrow. I'll go to the bank first thing in the morning.