

## Lesson 11 Expressing earliness with "jiu": Subj. + Time + 就 + Verb

In this lesson, we will focus on the grammatical structure of "Subj. + Time + 就 (jiu) + [Verb]" and how to use it to express earliness. We will explore the meaning of "jiu", its usage, and how to sequence events in time using this structure. We will also learn how to express dates and attitudes using this grammar point.

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand the meaning of "Subj. + Time + 就 (jiu) + [Verb]" and its usage.
- Build basic sentences with this grammatical structure.
- Express earliness with "jiu".
- Sequence events in time.
- Express date and attitude using this grammar point.

Let's dive in now 😊!

### Overview

"Subj. + Time + 就 (jiu) + [Verb]" is a structure used to indicate earliness or promptness in performing an action or event. The word "就 (jiu)" implies that the subject is doing something as soon as possible, or at an earlier time than expected.

### Examples

- 我马上就来。(wǒ mǎ shàng jiù lái.) - I'll be there soon.
- 她七点钟就起床了。(tā qī diǎn zhōng jiù qǐ chuáng le.) - She got up at 7 o'clock sharp.
- 我们昨天晚上十二点就睡觉了。(wǒ men zuó tiān wǎn shàng shí èr diǎn jiù shuì jiào le.) - We went to bed at 12 o'clock last night already.

# Workbook

## Practice 1

Translate the following sentences into Chinese:

1. I will leave for the airport immediately.
2. They arrived at the hotel before noon.
3. We cleaned the house before the party.

## Practice 2

Use "就 (jiu)" to sequence two events in time and create a sentence such as:

"I went to the gym as soon as I finished work."

## Practice 3

Express the following times and dates using "就 (jiu)":

1. Next Monday
2. 8:00 a.m.
3. After school

## Answer 1

1. 我马上就出发去机场。(wǒ mǎ shàng jiù chū fā qù jī chǎng.)
2. 他们中午之前就到了酒店。(tā men zhōng wǔ zhī qián jiù dào le jiǔ diàn.)
3. 我们在聚会之前就打扫了房子。(wǒ men zài jù huì zhī qián jiù dǎ sǎo le fáng zi.)

## Answer 2

我下班就去健身房了。(wǒ xià bān jiù qù jiàn shēn fáng le.)

## Answer 3

1. 下周一我就开始工作了。(xià zhōu yī wǒ jiù kāi shǐ gōng zuò le.)
2. 我早上八点就到学校了。(wǒ zǎo shàng bā diǎn jiù dào xué xiào le.)
3. 放学之后我就要去超市。(fàng xué zhī hòu wǒ jiù yào qù chāo shì.)

## Conclusion

Congratulations! You have learned how to use "Subj. + Time + 就 (jiu) + [Verb]" to express earliness, sequence events in time, and express date and attitude. Keep practicing and incorporating this grammatical structure into your Chinese conversations. It will greatly enhance your communication skills. 加油! (jiāyóu) - Keep up the good work! 🚀