



Lesson 43: Making a Promise

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

set up	(PHRV)	to arrange, organize	I'm sorry, but I have to go now. I have to set up the conference room. // Okay.
count on	(PHRV)	to trust somebody to do something	You can count on me. I will be there.
fall in love with	(PHASE)	to start being in love with someone	She fell in love with her neighbor but never told anybody.
keep (one's) word	(PHASE)	to do what you promised	He told me he would keep his word .
My lips are sealed.	(PHASE)	used to say that you will keep a secret and not tell anyone about it	Don't worry, my lips are sealed .

Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Camel tells Celine a secret.



Celine

Camel, what are your plans for tomorrow? Are you busy?



Camel

Not really. Why?





Celine

I want to set up a date with Stella.



Hannah

Really!? That is so sweet! How can I help?



Celine

I want to go to the flower shop and buy some flowers for her, but I have no idea what kind of flowers she would like.



Hannah

That's not a problem. I promise to help you tomorrow.



Celine

Really? Can I count on you?



Hannah

Sure, no problem. I really hope she falls in love with you.



Celine

Do you promise not to tell her?



Hannah

Don't worry, I'll keep my word. My lips are sealed.



Celine

Thanks a lot, Hannah. You're a true friend.



Check your understanding:

- Who wanted to set up a date with Stella?
- What did Celine ask Camel to do?
- What did Camel promise Celine?

Exercise 03**Role Play**

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You have a secret that you want to share with your best friend.
- Make your best friend promise not to tell anyone.
- Your teacher will act as your best friend.

Exercise 04**Discussion**

- 1) What kind of promises do you make to your friends and family?
- 2) Do you often make promises? Do you keep your word?
- 3) Do you think keeping your word is important? Why do you think so?
- 4) Have you ever broken a promise that you have made to someone? Why?
- 5) How would you feel if your friend broke a promise to you?

