Using a schedule or calendar is the absolute best way to teach the **Present Simple for future use** (scheduled/timetabled events).

Here is a complete, ready-to-use classroom activity based on Lionel Messi's current schedule.

Classroom Activity: The GOAT's Timetable

Phase 1: The Setup

Which one sounds more natural for a fixed calendar event:

1. *Messi is going to play Austria tomorrow.*
2. *Messi plays Austria tomorrow.*

Explain that when we talk about official schedules, timetables, or fixed itineraries, we use the **Present Simple** to talk about the future.

Phase 2: The Handout (Messi's Official Schedule)

Distribute the following schedule to the students.

Date	Time	Event / Action
June 23	10:00 AM	The team **travels** to Alabama.
June 23	7:00 PM	Argentina **plays** a warm-up match against Iceland.
June 24	09:00 AM	Messi **celebrates** his 39th birthday.
June 25	02:00 PM	The team **arrives** at their training camp in Kansas City.
June 28	08:00 PM	The knockout stage match **kicks off**.
July 2	11:00 AM	Inter Miami **opens** its training ground for returning players.

Phase 3: Student Tasks

Task A: The Media Briefing (Sentence Building)

Students act as sports journalists writing a press release about Messi's upcoming week. They must rewrite the prompts using the **Present Simple for the future**.

- *Prompt 1:* (Messi / fly) to Alabama tomorrow morning.
- *Prompt 2:* The friendly match against Iceland (start) at 7:00 PM.
- *Prompt 3:* What time (the team / arrive) in Kansas City on Thursday?
- *Prompt 4:* Argentina's next big tournament match (not / happen) until Sunday.

Production (Create Your Own)

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Imagine You are Messi's personal assistant.

Assignment: Write a 4-sentence email to Messi outlining his itinerary for next Monday using the Present Simple. *Example: "Leo, your morning practice starts at 9:00 AM. You meet with the sponsors at 1:00 PM..."*

💡 Teacher Tip

Remember to watch out for the **third-person "-s"** (e.g., *The match starts*, *The planes leaves*). This is the most common mistake students make when switching their brains into "future mode" using the present tense!

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