

THEN OR THAN
A Grammar Play
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Then: a description of time

Example: First, I will buy some candy, then I will go into the movie.

Than: a comparison

Example: Do you think french fries are better than potato chips?

Settings: Cathy's kitchen Mickie's restaurant Froman's movie theater

Characters:

Narrator

Cathy

Lilly

Mary Lou

Narrator: Cathy is talking with Lilly trying to decide which movie would be fun to see.

Cathy: No, I don't want to see "Aliens from Jupiter." Why don't we grab a bite to eat at Mickie's and then we can decide which movie to see.

Lilly: Okay. We better hurry, so we won't have to rush eating.

Narrator: The girls ran all the way to Mickie's restaurant. They ordered burgers, fries and lemonades.

Lilly: Okay. What are some other movies you want to see?

Cathy: How about "The Long Way Home." That's supposed to be a comedy.

Lilly: I think "Aliens" is a better choice than "The Long Way Home."

Cathy: Wait a minute. Look who just walked in.

Lilly: It's Mary Lou. She *always* knows which movies are great to see. Let's ask her.

Cathy: (calling) Mary Lou! Come over here. We *need* you.

Mary Lou: Hi! Cathy and Lilly. How can I help you?

Lilly: We're trying to decide which movie to see.

Mary Lou: I know one that would be perfect. I just saw “The Long Way Home” and it was so funny there were tears in my eyes.

Cathy: Is it really better than “Aliens from Jupiter”?

Mary Lou: It depends on what kind of movie you want to see. “Aliens” is a better movie than “The Long Way Home” but it’s really scary. I was screaming all over the place but that was kind of fun, too.

Lilly: I don’t like scary movies. Mary Lou, aren’t there more movies you liked.

Mary Lou: Oh, I know! “Swept Me Away” just opened. I went to see it yesterday. It has everything. It’s a musical with huge dancing and singing numbers. The costumes and settings are gorgeous. Oh, I think you both will love it!

Lilly: Cathy, doesn’t “Swept Me Away” sound better than the other movies we were talking about?

Cathy: Yes! I love musicals! Here comes our food. We better eat fast so we can make the movie on time.

Lilly: Thanks, Mary Lou! I’ll call you and let know how we liked it.

Mary Lou: Have fun. Bye.

Lilly: I love musicals, too. I’m so excited I can hardly eat this burger.

Cathy: Me, too.

Narrator: Lilly and Cathy finished their lunch in record speed. Then, they raced down the four blocks to Froman’s movie theater. They bought their tickets, a big box of popcorn, two Cokes and found the perfect seats. When the movie started, they looked at each other, faces beaming with wide smiles, and knew this movie would be so much better than any other.