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Lesson 6 Resource

Match structure to business purpose

Purpose matcher

Premium lesson companion
Teaching brief • applied vocabulary • guided workbook • knowledge check • answer guide

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Match structure to business purpose

Useful comparison considers asset life, cash timing, risk tolerance, control, flexibility, and total obligation-not just payment size.

The deeper idea

Equity may avoid a scheduled payment but transfers economic ownership and often influence. Valuation, dilution, governance, information rights, and exit expectations matter.

Learning objectives

- Explain capital structure using the lesson's governing facts.
- Distinguish maturity match from an assumption or promotional summary.
- Show how opportunity cost changes cost, timing, control, responsibility, or risk.
- Complete the purpose matcher using traceable source information.

Vocabulary in action

capital structure	Locate it in source material and state what it measures or governs.
maturity match	Use it to make the comparison concrete instead of relying on a label.
opportunity cost	Name who carries responsibility, what triggers it, and which control makes it visible.

FIVE-STEP DECISION METHOD

Move from information to a responsible next step.

1. Define the exact question

State the purpose, deadline, and consequence of delay. Connect the question to this lesson and its governing evidence.

2. Gather governing evidence

Collect current agreements, statements, official disclosures, operating records, or program instructions. Record the source and date.

3. Apply the vocabulary

Locate capital structure, maturity match, and opportunity cost in the real document or process. Translate each into a dollar, date, action, control, or responsibility.

4. Test a difficult case

Change one important assumption - timing, volume, cost, income, access, or support - and explain whether the plan still works.

5. Record the decision

Choose proceed, revise, compare, seek qualified review, or stop. Name the next action, its owner, and the review date.

Applied scenario

A learner must make this decision this month. The learner gathers governing records, locates capital structure, maturity match, and opportunity cost, and completes the assignment. The decision pauses if the difficult-case test exposes an obligation or operating risk that cannot be managed.

Purpose matcher

Complete an options matrix and eliminate structures that do not fit the stated purpose.

Purpose: What exact decision does this lesson support?

Evidence: Which source documents prove the facts? Include dates.

Terms: Where do capital structure, maturity match, and opportunity cost appear, and what does each change?

Stress-test and decision record

Stress test: Which assumption is most fragile, and what happens if it fails?

Decision record: What is the next action, who owns it, and when will it be reviewed?

My recorded status

☐ Proceed ☐ Revise ☐ Compare ☐ Seek qualified review ☐ Stop

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

Confirm your understanding.

1. State the central teaching in your own words.

2. How do capital structure and maturity match work together?

3. What evidence is strong enough to use?

4. What would make the plan pause?

5. What belongs in the finished assignment?

ANSWER GUIDE

Compare reasoning, not just wording.

1. State the central teaching in your own words.

Equity may avoid a scheduled payment but transfers economic ownership and often influence. Valuation, dilution, governance, information rights, and exit expectations matter.

2. How do capital structure and maturity match work together?

Define each, locate both in source material, and explain their combined effect on the decision.

3. What evidence is strong enough to use?

Current, relevant, traceable information from an agreement, statement, official source, operating record, or qualified professional.

4. What would make the plan pause?

A missing governing fact, unsupported claim, unmanageable stress case, or inability to explain the responsibility attached to opportunity cost.

5. What belongs in the finished assignment?

Purpose, sources, term definitions, comparison or calculation, difficult-case result, unanswered questions, responsible owner, and review date.

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