

Course: Contracts: From trust to promise to contract  
Assignment 5: Snow shoveling  
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In order to make the above situation a valid offer and acceptance some kind of arrangement needed to be in place before you left. Although it is possible for both parties to be the offerer or the offeree, it is most likely you made the offer (and thus are the offerer) to pay the children \$20 if they shovel your driveway in case it snows while you are away and the children accepted it (making them the offeree). In this case there is an offer of a promise (paying \$20) for a performance (shoveling the driveway) and an acceptance. If the offer was made the children the same logic holds. However, it would be wise to add an extra condition that you only need to pay if there was a performance (in case it did not snow when you were away). In this case the contract is a promise for a promise (promise to shovel somewhere in the future for the promise to pay in the future).