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## Promise vs Async/Await in JavaScript

1234	<b>l</b> Feature	Promise	Async/Await
1	Definition	Represents an <b>intermediate state</b> of an async operation	A <b>syntactic sugar</b> over Promises to write cleaner, synchronous-looking code
2	<b>□</b> States	Has <b>3 states</b> : pending, fulfilled, rejected	Doesn't have its own states (it wraps a Promise internally)
3	§§ Execution Flow	then() continues execution after previous task is done	await <b>pauses</b> execution until the Promise resolves
4	<b>⋘</b> Chaining	Uses .then(), .catch() for chaining and error handling	Uses trycatch blocks for better error handling
5	≅ Complexity	Can lead to <b>callback/promise hell</b> with deeply nested .then() chains	Easier to <b>read and maintain</b> with sequential flow
6	🖺 Example	<pre>fetchData().then(res =&gt; doStuff(res)).catch(err =&gt; handleErr(err))</pre>	<pre>const res = await fetchData(); doStuff(res)</pre>
7	Error Handling	.catch() to handle errors	<pre>trycatch block catches errors like try { await fetch() } catch {}</pre>
8		Harder to trace through .then() chains	Easier to step through line by line using debugger
9	♣ Best Use Case	When you need <b>parallel async calls</b> using Promise.all()	When you want <b>sequential</b> async operations (one after another)
10	© Code Style Preference	Better for <b>one-liners or simple chains</b>	Better for complex logic and multiple awaits

## **☑** Summary

- Use **Promise** when:
  - You want parallel operations.
  - The chain is simple.
  - You're using Promise.all() or Promise.race().
- Use **Async/Await** when:
  - You want cleaner, linear flow.
  - You have multiple sequential async calls.
  - You want better error handling and debugging.

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