

FUTURE TENSE: WILL

One of the most common ways to talk about the future is with **will**.

For example: I **will call** you tonight.

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Will + Infinitive Form of the Verb

FUTURE SIMPLE TENSE		
WILL + V		
Affirmative	Negative	Questions
I You We They He She It	I You We They He She It	I You We They He She It
will + play 'll + play	will not + play won't + play	Will + play?

1. Will: no prior plan

We use **will** when there is no prior plan or decision to do something before we speak. We make the decision at the time of speaking. Look at these examples:

- Hold on. I'll **get** a pen.
- We **will see** what we can do to help you.

- Maybe we'll **stay in** and **watch** television tonight.

In these examples, we had **no firm plan before speaking**.
The decision is made **at the time of speaking**.

We often use "will" with the verb "to think":

- I think I **will go** to the gym tomorrow.
- I think I'll **have** a holiday next year.
- I don't think I'll **buy** that car.

2. Will: prediction

We often use "will" to make a prediction about the future. Again, there is no firm plan. We are saying what we **think** will happen. Here are some examples:

- It **will rain** tomorrow.
- People **won't go** to Jupiter before the 22nd century.

3. Will + to be

The verb "to be" is an exception with "will". Even when we have a very firm plan, and we are not speaking spontaneously, we can use "will" with "to be". Look at these examples:

- I **will be** in London tomorrow.
- There **will be** 50 people at the party.
- The meeting **will be** at 9.30 am.

REINFORCEMENT

1 Circle the correct answer.

1. She *will / won't* pass all her exams. She's very clever.
2. My grandmother *will / won't* learn to drive. She's too old.
3. My teacher *will / won't* win the lottery. She never buys a ticket.
4. I *will / won't* get lost. I have been there before.
5. You *will / won't* love the movie. It's the best I've ever seen.
6. Everyone *will / won't* be friendly. They're very nice people.

- I. Complete the following sentences with **will** and the correct verb from the list below.

call / have / water / walk / mail / go
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1. Would you like tea or coffee?
_____ tea, please.
2. Would you like a ride home?
No thanks. It's a beautiful day today. I think
_____ home.
3. We're out of milk and I need some for the children.
Okay. _____ to the store and get home.
4. I just finished writing my brother a letter. Are you going to the post office now?
No, I'm not. _____ it for you in the morning.
5. These flowers look very dry.
Okay. _____ them in a few minutes.
6. Ken phoned while you were out.
Okay. _____ him back after I finish my lunch.