

FUTURE TENSE: WILL

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

Future Tense: Going to

Going to future expresses an action in the near future that has already been planned

or prepared.

Form of *going to* Future

	positive	negative	question
I	I am going to speak.	I am not going to speak.	Am I going to speak?
you / we / they	You are going to speak.	You are not going to speak.	Are you going to speak?
he / she / it	He is going to speak.	He is not going to speak.	Is he going to speak?

Use of *going to* Future

- an action in the near future that has already been planned or prepared
 - example: *I am going to study harder next year.*
- a conclusion regarding the immediate future
 - example: *The sky is absolutely dark. It is going to rain.*

Signal Words

- in one year, next week, tomorrow

Future Review

Will	Going to
Promises	Plans
Prediction without information	Prediction with information
Voluntary Actions	

