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37 **Listen and repeat. Then act out.**



We use the future tense for actions which will happen in the future.

Affirmative		Negative		Interrogative
Long form	**Short form**	**Long form**	**Short form**	
I **will** play	I'**ll** play	I **will not** play	I **won't** play	**Shall/Will** I play?
You **will** play	You'**ll** play	You **will not** play	You **won't** play	**Will** you play?
He **will** play	He'**ll** play	He **will not** play	He **won't** play	**Will** he play?
She **will** play	She'**ll** play	She **will not** play	She **won't** play	**Will** she play?
It **will** play	It'**ll** play	It **will not** play	It **won't** play	**Will** it play?
We **will** play	We'**ll** play	We **will not** play	We **won't** play	**Shall/Will** we play?
You **will** play	You'**ll** play	You **will not** play	You **won't** play	**Will** you play?
They **will** play	They '**ll** play	They **will not** play	They **won't** play	**Will** they play?

Short answers

Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they **will**. / No, I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they **won't**.

Will is used to express predictions, warnings, offers, promises, threats, requests, on-the-spot decisions, opinions, hopes and fears (especially with words such as: *think*, *expect*, *suppose*, *hope*, *believe*, *know* and *probably*).

In 2100, people **will** travel in flying cars. (prediction)
Be quiet or the teacher **will** be angry. (warning)
I'**ll** wash the dishes tonight. (offer)
I'**ll** write to you every day. (promise)
Stop talking or I'**ll** send you out. (threat)
Will you help me, please? (request)
It's cold. I'**ll** close the window. (on-the-spot decision)
I hope he'**ll** win the race. (hope)

Shall can be used with I or We in questions, suggestions and offers.

Shall we go to the cinema tonight? (suggestion)
Shall I get you a cup of tea? (offer)

Time expressions used with the future tense:

tomorrow, tonight, soon, next week / month / year, etc. in a week/month, etc.

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4 **Complete the sentences as in the example:**

Long Form	Short Form
1 It ....*will*.... rain tomorrow.	It .....*'ll*..... rain tomorrow.
2 I'm sure she ..... not be late.	I'm sure she ..... be late.
3 He ..... pass the test.	He ..... pass the test.
4 We ..... not have a party.	We ..... have a party.
5 I ..... call you tonight.	I ..... call you tonight.

5 **Fill in the gaps with *will*, *won't* or *shall*.**

1 A: I'm so hungry, Mum.
B: I ..*will*.. make you some sandwiches.

2 A: Jimmy, be careful! The cooker is still very hot. You ..... burn your hand.
B: OK, Mum!

3 A: I ..... call you every day while I am on holiday.
B: That's very nice of you.

4 A: I'm very thirsty!
B: I ..... bring you a glass of water.

5 A: I want to tell you a secret.
B: OK, I promise I ..... tell anyone.

6 A: ..... I get you another glass of lemonade?
B: Yes, please.

7 A: Charlie ..... come to practice today. He broke his leg.
B: Oh, that's terrible!

8 A: I ..... go out tonight. I don't feel well.
B: Then you should go to bed early.

9 A: ..... you help me? I think I'm lost.
B: Of course!

6 **Fill in the gaps with *will*, *won't* or *shall*.**

Jim: 1) ...*Shall*... we go to Snacks Restaurant for lunch?
Lucia: No, you 2) ..... like the food there. I think you 3) ..... like the new café in York Street.
Jim: OK. We 4) ..... take the bus there. 5) ..... I phone John and ask him if he wants to come?
Lucia: I'm sure he 6) ..... want to come but we 7) ..... have time to wait for him here.
Jim: 8) ..... I tell him to meet us there?
Lucia: That's a good idea. Tell him we 9) ..... meet him outside the café.
Jim: 10) ..... I tell him to be there in half an hour? 11) ..... that give us enough time?
Lucia: Yes, I think so.

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7 **Label the speech situations with the uses of the future tense as in the example:**

offer | ~~warning~~ (x 2) | promise | request | on-the-spot decision

1 warning



2 .....



3 .....



4 .....



5 .....



6 .....



8 **Work in groups of four. Take the role of a fortune teller and tell your group about their future. You can use the ideas below.**

One student will ...	Two students will ...
1 be a dentist	1 be singers
2 have 3 children	2 live in the USA
3 win a lot of money	3 win a competition
4 marry a millionaire	4 fly to the moon

Fortune teller: I think that Jim and Lucy will be singers.

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