



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?
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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.

4 Complete the sentences as in the example:

Long Form

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

Short Form

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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 carefull! 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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The Future ('Be going to' / 'Will' / 'Shall')

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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



*Don't touch the iron!
You will burn your hand.*

2



*I'll close the window.
It's very windy.*

3



*Don't worry. I'll buy
you a new one.*

4



Shall I do the washing up?

5



Will you help me?

6



*Don't touch these
wires! You'll get hurt!*

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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 ...

- 1 be a dentist
- 2 have 3 children
- 3 win a lot of money
- 4 marry a millionaire

Two students will ...

- 1 be singers
- 2 live in the USA
- 3 win a competition
- 4 fly to the moon

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