STOP SAYING! 'FUTURE FORMS'

Activity based on a video from BBC LEARNINIG ENGLISH

Hey, my name is Melissa and I come from Ecuadorian Guinea. When I talk about the future, I always use '_____'. Is that OK? Are there any other ways?

Yes, people do use will a lot. It's grammatical simple to use but there are situations where it can sound _____ and it's great to sound as natural as possible, like me.

So consider the use of will in these sentences:

'I've not seen my girlfriend for ages, but I will see her tonight.

Ups, I'd better go. My plane will leave at six.

Oh, look at the sky! It will rain'.

- 'I've not seen my girlfriend for ages, but I will see her tonight'. Hmmm... How can we make this sound more natural? Here we're talking about an _____ that we've made with somebody, so we often use the _____: *'I'm meeting her tonight'.*
- Or we can use _____, especially for _____: *'I'm going to meet her tonight'.*
- 'I'd better hurry. My plane will leave at six'. This is what we call a _____ event. It's happening at a specific time, so we use the _____, like this: *'I'd better hurry. My plane leaves at six'.*
- 'Oh no, look at the sky! It will rain'. This time, we're making a _____ based on current _____, so we use to _____here: *'It's going to rain'.*

So there they are. Three times we can use another form instead of will. And here is one where you can use will:

'What do you mean you don't believe I've got a girlfriend?

Well, if that's the case, I'll show you a photo. Ha!

Thanks Tim, I _____ to use all those other ways. Oh, I used will... it's that OK?

Of course, you're talking about something that you want to do voluntarily. It's not an arrangement. It's an _____and with that I'_____ goodbye. And that was will for a _____made at the time of speaking.

Bye bye!

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