Will and Would

A modal auxiliary verb is used to modify the mood of a verb. Here is a list of the modal auxiliary verbs:

Will:

"Will" is used when you are volunteering to do something in the future, or when you are deciding at the time of speaking to do something in the future. The negative of will is "will not" or the contraction "won't" (See "Using will and going" in the future tense folder of the advanced section of this website for more information on "will").

Example: I will cook dinner.

In this example "will" is used to volunteer to cook dinner in the future.

Example: I think I will go to the beach this Sunday.

In this example "will" is used to express a future action that is being decided upon at the time of speaking.

Directions: Make your own sentences using "will".

1) _____

2) _____

Would:

"Would" has several functions. First, it functions as the past tense of "will". Second, it functions as the conditional mood of "will". Third, it is used to be polite. The negative of would is "would not" or the contraction "wouldn't".

Example: I would try to act like my father when I was young.

In this example "would" functions as the past tense of "will".

Example: I would get a tan if I worked at the pool.

In this example "would" functions as the conditional mood of "will".

Example: I would like more tea please.

In this example "would" is used to be polite.

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Directions:

Circle the correct auxiliary modal verb in each sentence.

1) My dog and I (would, will) go for walks when I was younger.

2) I (will, would) buy new shoes if I had enough money.

3) I am feeling tired. I think I (would, will) go to sleep now.

4) I (will, would) like more milk when you get a chance.

5) I don't think we (will, would) ever win the game.

6) If you get in trouble, I (won't, wouldn't) help you.

7) When we were in sixth grade, we (will, would) usually play kick ball at recess.

8) (Will, Would) you like steak or chicken?

9) If I was a famous tennis player, I (won't, wouldn't) like to lose.

10) I am hungry. I (will, would) get something to eat.

Directions: Now make your own sentences using "would".

1) _____

2) _____

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