FUTURE TENSE: WILL

One of the most common ways to talk about the future is with **will.**

For example: I **<u>will call</u>** you tonight.

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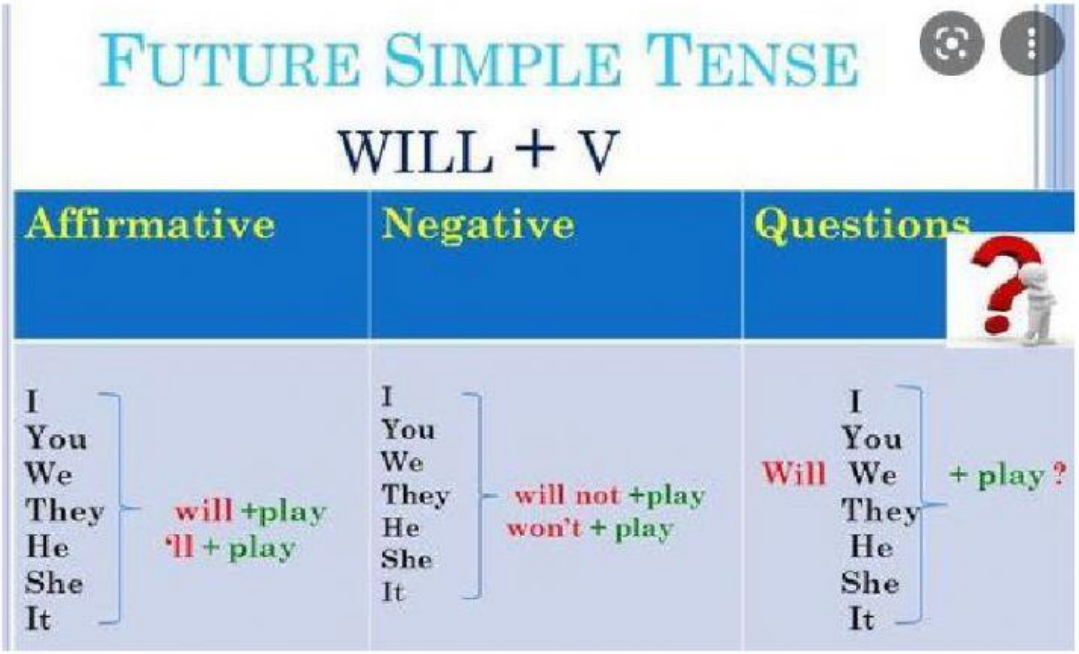
Will + Infinitive Form of the Verb



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.

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- 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.

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1 **Circle the correct answer.**

1. She *will* / *won't* pass all her exams. She's very clever.
2. My grandmother *will* / *won't* learn to drive. She's too old.
3. My teacher *will* / *won't* win the lottery. She never buys a ticket.
4. I *will* / *won't* get lost. I have been there before.
5. You *will* / *won't* love the movie. It's the best I've ever seen.
6. Everyone *will* / *won't* be friendly. They're very nice people.

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I. Complete the following sentences with **will** and the correct verb from the list below.

call / have / water / walk / mail / go

1. Would you like tea or coffee?
   _____ tea, please.

2. Would you like a ride home?
   No thanks. It's a beautiful day today. I think
   _____ home.

3. We're out of milk and I need some for the children.
   Okay. _____ to the store and get home.

4. I just finished writing my brother a letter. Are you going to the post office now?
   No, I'm not. _____ it for you in the morning.

5. These flowers look very dry.
   Okay. _____ them in a few minutes.

6. Ken phoned while you were out.
   Okay. _____ him back after I finish my lunch.

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