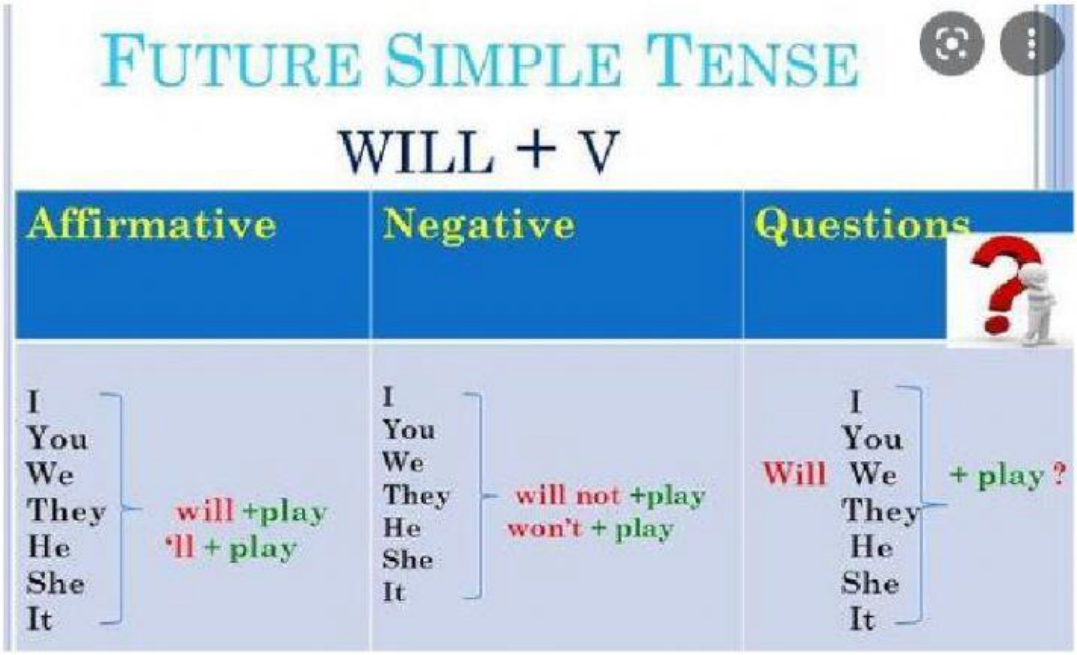
FUTURE TENSE: WILL



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.
- 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.

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- 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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Future Tense: Going to

Going to future expresses an action in the near future that has already been planned

or prepared.

Form of *going to* Future

	positive	negative	question
I	I am going to speak.	I am not going to speak.	Am I going to speak?
you / we / they	You are going to speak.	You are not going to speak.	Are you going to speak?
he / she / it	He is going to speak.	He is not going to speak.	Is he going to speak?

Use of *going to* Future

- an action in the near future that has already been planned or prepared
  - example: I *am going to study* harder next year.
- a conclusion regarding the immediate future
  - example: The sky is absolutely dark. It *is going to rain*.

Signal Words

- in one year, next week, tomorrow

Future Review

Will	**Going to**
Promises	Plans
Prediction without information	Prediction with information
Voluntary Actions	

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