

## FUTURE TENSE: WILL

### FUTURE SIMPLE TENSE WILL + V



Affirmative	Negative	Questions
I You We They He She It	I You We They He She It	Will I You We They He She It

**Affirmative:** will + verb  
**Negative:** will not + verb  
**Questions:** Will + 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.
- 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.

## 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	

