

# 58 Future with *will*

In the future people will live and work in space.



## 1 Form

POSITIVE	I/He/She/It/We/You/They <b>will</b> ('ll) win.
NEGATIVE	I/He/She/It/We/You/They <b>will not</b> (won't) win.
QUESTIONS	<b>Will</b> I/he/she/it/we/you/they win?
SHORT ANSWERS	Yes, I/he/she/it/we/you/they <b>will</b> . No, I/he/she/it/we/you/they <b>will not</b> (won't).

## 2 Certain/possible future

We use **will** to talk about things that are certain to happen in the future:

*My mother **will be** fifty in May.*

*There **will be** elections next year.*

*China **will soon be** the world's richest country.*

We also use **will** to say what we think will happen in the future:

*In the future people **will live** and work in space.*

*Clare **won't be** late, she's always on time.*

We can use *probably* and *definitely* to say how sure we are:

*I'll **definitely pass** the test. (I'm sure this will happen.)*

*We'll **probably go** to Spain next summer. (I think this will happen, but I'm not sure.)*

We usually put these adverbs after **will** but before **won't**:

*We'll **probably go** to Spain. We **definitely won't go** to Portugal.*

## 3 Decisions, offers, promises and warnings

We use **will** when we decide to do something while we are speaking – something that we didn't plan:

*'Mr Baxter isn't here at the moment. Can I take a message?' 'No thanks. I'll **call** again later.'*

*'Do you want to watch the midnight movie?' 'No, I'm tired. I think I'll **go** to bed now.'*

**NATURAL ENGLISH** We often use *I (don't) think + will*:

*I'm tired. I **think I'll go** to bed now.*

*It's quite early. I **don't think I'll go** to bed yet.*

We also use **will** to make offers, promises and warnings:

*We'll **take** you to the hospital. I'll **work** harder next year. Don't eat so much – you'll **get** fat!*

*Leave now or you'll **miss** the train.*

## 4 *shall*

It is possible to use *shall* to mean *will* after *I* and *we*. But in everyday English we only use *shall* to offer or suggest something:

*It's hot in here. **Shall I open** a window? **Shall we get** the earlier train?*

## Practice

### 1 Complete the sentences with *will* and words from the box.

- 0 My grandfather .... *will be* .... ninety years old next April.
- 1 This year the summer sales ..... a week earlier than usual.
- 2 ..... the same course next year?
- 3 Next year the school holiday ..... for seven weeks instead of six.
- 4 I'm afraid the library ..... open during the holiday.
- 5 ..... a certificate when you pass the exam.

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### 2 The words in brackets ( ) are missing from the sentences. Put them in the correct position.

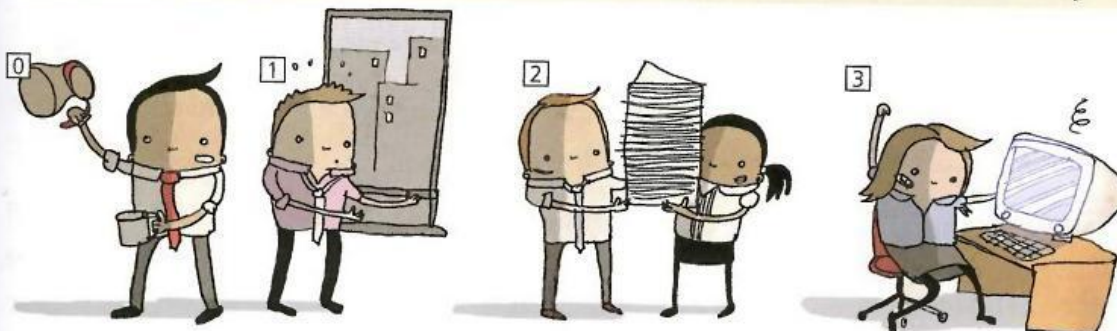
- 0 Do you <sup>think</sup> Clare will win the race? (think)
- 1 Miss Watts, we have any homework tonight? (will)
- 2 I will start a diet next month. (definitely)
- 3 I think I'll have any ice cream today. (don't)
- 4 Manchester United will win the cup this year. (probably)
- 5 Don't buy any food at the airport – it cost a fortune. ('ll)
- 6 You can try phoning her this evening but I don't she will be at home. (think)

### 3 Match the two parts of the sentences. Then complete the sentences with *will*, *'ll* or *won't*.

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| 0 Don't eat so many cakes – you       | A ..... have a snack.          |
| 1 I'm really hungry – I think I       | B ..... be cold there.         |
| 2 Eat lots of salads – they           | C ..... make you fat.          |
| 3 The sun's shining and it definitely | D ..... rain today.            |
| 4 I don't think people                | E ..... have a lemonade.       |
| 5 Take a warm pullover; it            | F <i>'ll</i> ..... get fat.    |
| 6 I'm thirsty so I think I            | G ..... ever live on the moon. |

### 4 What would you say in these situations? Complete the sentences with suitable forms of the words and phrases in the box. There are two extra words/phrases.

close carry get open phone ~~some more~~ the door the technician the window them for you



- 0 I don't think there's any coffee left. I *'ll get some more* .....
- 1 It's too hot in here. I .....
- 2 Those books look heavy. I .....
- 3 There's something wrong with my computer. I think I .....