

# 58 Future with *will*

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



## 1 Form

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

## 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.

*think*

- 0 Do you/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)

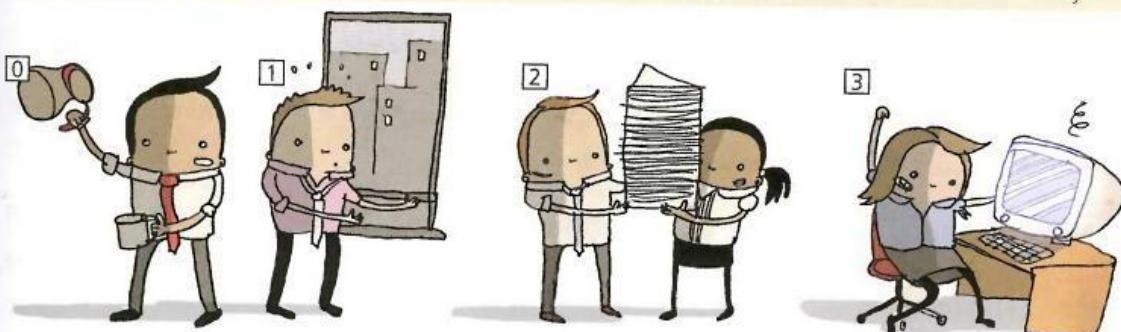
### 3 Match the two parts of the sentences. Then complete the sentences with **will**, **'ll** or **won't**.

- 0 Don't eat so many cakes – you
- 1 I'm really hungry – I think I
- 2 Eat lots of salads – they
- 3 The sun's shining and it definitely
- 4 I don't think people
- 5 Take a warm pullover; it
- 6 I'm thirsty so I think I

- A ..... have a snack.
- B ..... be cold there.
- C ..... make you fat.
- D ..... rain today.
- E ..... have a lemonade.
- F ..... 'll get fat.
- 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 .....