

22 Will and shall

1 We use will to talk about the future. Look at this example:



It's now five o'clock. I'll stop work at six.

2 We make sentences with will like this:

Will + INFINITIVE

I will stop.

We use I will or I'll, and I will not or I won't. We usually use the short forms (I'll, he'll, I won't, he won't) when we speak.

POSITIVE	Full form	Short form
I/He/She/It/We/You/	will go.	'll go.
They		

NEGATIVE	
I/He/She/It/We/You/	will not go. won't go.
They	

QUESTIONS		
Will	I/he/she/it/we/you/they	go?

3 We use will to talk about future facts, and things that we think will happen in the future:

*My father will be fifty years old tomorrow.
Jane will love your new dress.*

He's a good manager. He won't make any mistakes.

We also use will to ask about the future:
Will they win this game?

4 We use I'll when we make a decision to do something. For example, when the telephone rings, we say:

I'll answer it.

Here is another example:

A: *Does anyone want to come with me tonight?*

B: *Yes, I'll come.*

5 We use Shall I ...? or I'll ... when we want to do things for other people:

OFFER: *Shall I make you a cup of coffee?*

OFFER: *I'll make you a cup of coffee.*

We use Shall we ...? to suggest things that we can do:

SUGGESTION: *Shall we see a film tonight?*

Practice

A Use the verbs in the box with *will* or *won't* to complete these dialogues. Use short forms of *will* where you can.

have	take	phone	finish	be (x2)	win	make
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► A: Are you coming to the cinema on Sunday?

B: I'm not sure. I'll phone you on Saturday.

1 A: Don't change your clothes now. We late.

B: No, we won't. We a taxi.

2 A: George is going to have a party at the weekend.

B: Why?

A: It's his birthday. He thirty on Saturday.

3 A: She the tennis match tomorrow.

B: Why not?

A: She mistakes. She always makes mistakes in important matches.

4 A: Steve the work tonight?

B: No, he won't finish. He time.

B Put the best phrase from the box in each gap. Start your sentences with *I'll*.

phone for a taxi	help you to look for it	carry some of them
go with you	give you some money	make you a sandwich
open a window	ask her to phone you tonight	give you the name of a language school

► A: I want to take these books home, but they're very heavy.
B: *I'll carry some of them*.

1 A: I feel sick. It's so hot in this room.
B: *.....*

2 A: I want a cup of coffee, but I don't have any money.
B: *.....*

3 A: I'm hungry. I didn't have any lunch.
B: *.....*

4 A: I want to learn Japanese.
B: *.....*

5 A: I've lost my passport.
B: *.....*

6 A: It's ten o'clock. I'll be late if I walk.
B: *.....*

7 A: I want to speak to Jane. It's very important.
B: *.....*

8 A: I want to go to the museum, but I don't know the way.
B: *.....*

C Put *Shall I* or *Shall we* in the gaps in the dialogues.

► A: I'm hungry. Are you going to the shops?
B: Yes. *Shall I* get you something to eat?

► A: We need a holiday.
B: What a good idea! *Shall we* go to Florida?

1 A: I'm going to get some tickets for the concert next week. buy you one?
B: Yes please. I'd love to come.

2 A: go to a restaurant tonight?
B: OK, but I don't have any money. Will you pay for me?

3 A: I want to go to Italian classes, but I've never learnt a foreign language before.
B: come with you?
A: That's very kind of you.

4 A: Where is our meeting?
B: At John's office on Baker Street.
A: walk or take a taxi?

5 A: You look thirsty. get you a drink?
B: Yes, please. Can I have an orange juice or some water?

6 A: It's a beautiful day! have a picnic?
B: Wonderful idea! Who shall we invite?