

Predictions with *will*

We use *will* + infinitive (without to) to talk about things we imagine happening in the future (or know or believe will happen)

*I think more people **will** grow their own vegetables.*

*The world **will** need 30 per cent more food.*

We usually contract *will* with pronouns.

***It'll** be harder to feed everyone.*

We usually contract the negative (*will not*) to *won't*.

*We **won't** eat so much wild fish in the future.*

We often use predictions with verbs of opinion and emotion, for example. Believe, think, imagine, hope, be sure, expect.

*I **believe** there will be less meat available.*

1. Complete the sentences. Use contractions where possible:

1. I think people _____ meat in a way that less cruel to animals. (produce)
2. Farmers fear that bad weather _____ a lot of their land. (destroy)
3. I'm worried we _____ quickly enough. (not/change)
4. Scientists argue that higher temperature _____ the food we grow. (change)
5. I hope people _____ so wasteful with resources. (not/be)
6. I'm sure I _____ changes I can't imagine yet. (see)

We can show how certain we are about a prediction by using adverbs such as definitely and probably. Note that probably and definitely usually go between *will* and the main verb.

*Scientists **will probably develop** different foods.*

*They **will definitely need** to feed more people.*

In a negative prediction, the adverb goes before *won't*.

*We **definitely won't eat** so much protein.*

2. Write the sentences that you hear:

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| 1. | 7. |
| 2. | 8. |
| 3. | 9. |
| 4. | 10. |
| 5. | 11. |
| 6. | 12. |

3. Put the words in the correct order to make predictions:

1. double need to says will The UN our food production we

2. eat meat definitely People won't so frequently be able to

3. will We probably in cooking more insects start to use

4. definitely Restaurants vegetarian options offer more and better will

5. won't Being a vegan an probably be life choice unusual

6. New technology in the desert allow us might to grow food

4. Write (record) the questions for the predictions:

1. A: *What will people eat* _____?

B: People will probably eat more insects.

2. A: Where _____?

B: People will live in more energy-efficient houses.

3. A: _____?

B: No, it won't. I think food will be more expensive.

4. A: _____?

B: I don't know. I think some people will be healthier and others won't.

5. A: _____?

B: I hope we'll travel on bikes more.

6. A: _____?

B: Yes, I think many people will live longer.