

# 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

► 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	<del>carry some of them</del>
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?