

# 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**

I/He/She/It/We/You/ **Full form** will go. **Short form** '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      | 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?