

58 Future with *will*

In the future people will live and work in space.



1 Form

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

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.

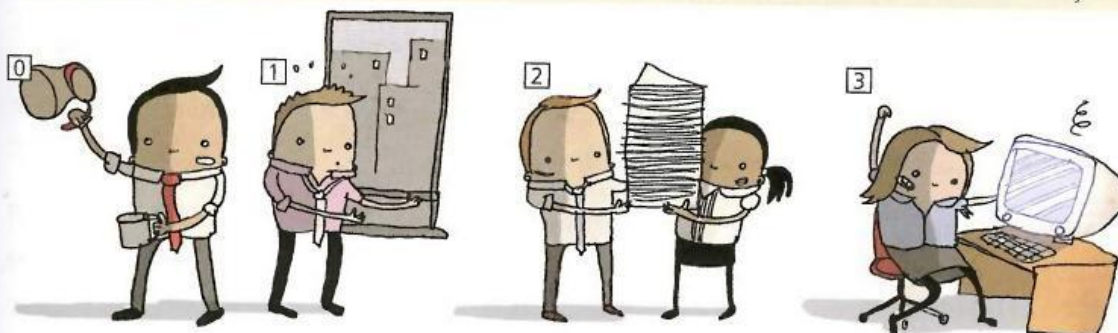
- 0 Do you ^{think} Clare will win the race? (think)
- 1 Miss Watts, we have any homework tonight? (will)
- 2 I will start a diet next month. (definitely)
- 3 I think I'll have any ice cream today. (don't)
- 4 Manchester United will win the cup this year. (probably)
- 5 Don't buy any food at the airport – 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*.

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| 0 Don't eat so many cakes – you | A have a snack. |
| 1 I'm really hungry – I think I | B be cold there. |
| 2 Eat lots of salads – they | C make you fat. |
| 3 The sun's shining and it definitely | D rain today. |
| 4 I don't think people | E have a lemonade. |
| 5 Take a warm pullover; it | F <i>'ll</i> get fat. |
| 6 I'm thirsty so I think I | 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.

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- 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