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The most common way to talk about things and **events in the future** is to use the verb '**will**'. This is the **Future Simple** tense.

I **will...** go take make get  
be play do have

# The Future Tense



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## How to form Future Simple

### Statements

To form the Future Simple in positive sentences, we use:

**will ('ll) + the verb** (base form without 'to')

Singular	Plural
<i>I will ('ll) sing</i>	<i>We'll sing</i>
<i>You'll sing</i>	<i>You'll sing</i>
<i>He/she/it'll sing</i>	<i>They'll sing</i>

- The train **will arrive** in an hour.
- I have a nice dress. **I'll go** to the party tonight!
- Your brother **will become** famous soon.

## Negative sentences

To make negative statements in Future Simple, we use:

**will not (won't) + the verb** (base form without 'to')

Singular	Plural
<i>I <b>will not (won't) eat</b></i>	<i>We <b>won't eat</b></i>
<i>You <b>won't eat</b></i>	<i>You <b>won't eat</b></i>
<i>He/she/it <b>won't eat</b></i>	<i>They <b>won't eat</b></i>

- *It's too late; I **won't go** through that park.*
- *That's a very big pizza. We **won't finish** it.*
- *Pete is in New York. He **will not travel** to Brazil with us.*

## Questions

To make questions in Future Simple, we rearrange the word order and use:

**will + subject + the verb** (base form without 'to')

Singular	Plural
<i><b>Will I be</b> fine?</i>	<i><b>Will we be</b> fine?</i>
<i><b>Will you be</b> fine?</i>	<i><b>Will you be</b> fine?</i>
<i><b>Will he/she/it be</b> fine?</i>	<i><b>Will they be</b> fine?</i>

- ***Will you be** at work tomorrow?*
- ***Will you help** me with my homework?*

Let's summarize:

## Future Tense: Will → Form

**Affirmative:** I **will** travel to Madrid in October

**Interrogative :** **Will** you travel by bus?

**Negative :** I **will** not travel - **won't**

**Will** you travel by train or by bus?

I **won't** travel by bus I **will** probably travel by train



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## When to use 'will' for future

We can use 'will' in English in several ways:

1) to describe a quick decision that you have made at the time of speaking:

- *Oh, it's raining! I'll **take** my umbrella.*
- *What would you like? — I'll **have** a tea, please.*
- *Patrick finally dared to ask: "**Will** you **marry** me, Cindy?"*
- *This cake looks very small. **Will** it **be** enough for all of us?*

2) to make a prediction about what you think is going to happen - even if there is no firm evidence for that prediction:

- *Mary's preparing for her exam. I believe she **will do** very well tomorrow.*
- *Wait a few minutes. I think it **will stop** raining soon.*

3) to offer to do something:

- *You look tired. We'**ll make** you a cup of coffee.*
- *Is that the phone? I'**ll answer** it.*

4) when making a promise:

- *Don't worry, mom, I'**ll be** careful.*
- *We **will be** there by eight, I promise.*

5) to make a suggestion (with '**shall**')

- ***Shall** we **eat** out tonight?*
- ***Shall** I **help** you with your homework?*

6) to ask people to do something:

- ***Will** you **help** me wash the car?*
- ***Will** you **give** me a ride?*

## Shall

We can use '**shall**' instead of 'will' when *asking for a decision, making polite offers or suggestions*, or in more formal situations.

- *When **shall** I **meet** you?*
- *What film **shall** we **see**?*

We form questions with 'shall' like this:

**(question word) + shall + subject + the verb** (base form without 'to')

Note: We can start the question with '*shall*' and no question word if it is not required.

Singular

Plural

**Shall I visit?**            **Shall we visit?**  
**Shall you visit?**        **Shall you visit?**  
**Shall he/she/it visit?** **Shall they visit?**

- **Shall we have** a cup of tea?
- *That's a good idea.*
- You look tired. **Shall I drive?**
- We **shall go** there together.

Note: We can use '**shall**' to talk about future actions and events, but it is only used with 'I' or 'we' and mostly in British English.

Watch this video from Crown Academy of English to understand how to use 'will' to describe future actions and events correctly:

Read more about future tenses:

[Future with 'Going To'](#)

[Present Continuous with Future Meaning](#)

[Future Continuous Tense](#)

[Future Perfect Tense](#)