

THE FUTURE WITH "WILL"

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We normally use "will" to speak about the future. It's always combined with another verb.

Since "will" is classified as a modal verb (like can, could, should...) it has the same characteristics:

1. It does not change in the third person singular (he, she, it).
2. It is always combined with another verb in the base form (without "to").
3. We don't use it with "Do" in questions or negatives.

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EXAMPLES OF WILL

-I will go to the cinema tonight.

-He will play tennis tomorrow.

-She will be happy with her exam results.

-They will take the bus to the South next week.

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WHEN TO USE WILL

We use "will" in the following circumstances:

1. For things that we decide to do now. (Rapid decisions). This is when you make a decision at that moment, in a spontaneous way.
 - I'll call a taxi for you.
 - I think we will go right now.
 - Which one? Um, I will have the chicken sandwich please.

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WHEN TO USE WILL

We use "will" in the following circumstances:

2. When we think or believe something about the future. (Prediction). This can be based on personal judgement or opinion.

- The president **will not** be re-elected at the next election.
- I think it **will** rain later so take an umbrella with you.
- I think **you'll** find the movie interesting.

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WHEN TO USE WILL

We use "will" in the following circumstances:

3. To make an offer, a promise or a threat.

- You look tired. **I'll** finish the dishes for you.

- I **will** do my best to help you.

- If you say anything I **will** kill you!

- Don't worry, I **won't** tell anyone.

- I **will** have it ready by tomorrow.

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WHEN TO USE WILL

We use "will" in the following circumstances:

4. For a habit that is a predictable behaviour.
 - My daughter **will** fall asleep as soon as she is put into bed.
 - He **will** give up if he starts losing. He always does that.

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WHEN TO USE WON'T

We use "won't" when someone refuses to do something:

- I told him to clean his room but he **won't** do it.
- She **won't** listen to anything I say.

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NEGATIVE SENTENCES WITH "WILL"

In the negative, we add NOT to the end of **WILL** and not to the main verb (= will not). Examples:

- I **will not** be in the office tomorrow.
- They **will not** stay here.

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CONTRACTIONS

It is possible to use contractions in both affirmative and negative sentences.

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	Affirmative Contraction
I will	I'll
You will	you'll
He will	he'll
She will	she'll
It will	it'll
We will	we'll
You will	you'll
They will	they'll

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Negative Contraction	
I will not	I won't
You will not	you won't
He will not	he won't
She will not	she won't
It will not	it won't
We will not	we won't
You will not	you won't
They will not	they won't

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QUESTIONS

To form a question using "will", we reverse the order of the subject and "will".

Affirmative	He	will	be	here tomorrow.
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>WILL</i>	<i>Verb</i>	
Question	Will	he	be	here tomorrow?
	<i>WILL</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Verb</i>	

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EXAMPLES

Will they win the cup?

- Yes, they will.
- No, they won't.

Will she get angry?

- Yes, she will.
- No, she won't.