

## Future Simple Tense

### Introduction

1) We can refer to the future by using *will*, *be going to* or by using *present tenses*. We use the *will* future when we talk generally about future beliefs, opinions, hopes and predictions.

*I promised myself that once I start college I will do all my assignments on time.*

2) The will future is formed with *the infinitive without to*. Questions are indicated by inverting the subject and *will*. Negatives are formed with *will not (won't)*.

(+) *Sam will probably move to Canada next year.*

(-) *Sam won't move to Canada next year. He will move to the US.*

(?) *Will Sam move to Canada next year? Where will Sam move to?*

Note that in speech and informal writing *will* is usually shortened to *'ll*.

*He'll move to the US.*

Some **time markers** can show when we expect something to happen (*tomorrow, next month, in a day etc.*) or how certain or uncertain we are about our predictions (*perhaps, probably, definitely, certainly etc.*).

***Perhaps it'll snow tomorrow.***

***I'll definitely finish my essay next month.***

Note that *such time markers as probably, definitely, certainly* come after *will* but before *won't*.

***We'll probably do it tomorrow.***

***We probably won't do it tomorrow.***

Some speakers use *shall* to refer to the future in formal situations with *I* and *we*. However this use is becoming very rare. Nowadays *shall* is used for suggestions only.

***Shall I go or shall we leave together?***

### Short Story Dialogue

The future simple is widely used in daily life.

- Mike, what are your plans for tonight?
- I don't know really. **I'll probably play some video games after work.**
- **And what will you do tomorrow?**
- Well, **I definitely won't go out with my friends tomorrow.**
- **And what will you do next week?**
- **I'll most certainly start learning another language.**
- Mike, how do you have an answer for everything?
- It's quite simple. I don't plan anything. **Things will happen on their own.**

### Independent Practice - Future simple tense

#### 1) Find time markers.

a. Perhaps you'll make the right decision. Time will tell.
b. Max will certainly come later tonight.
c. Susan will try to go there next month but it probably won't happen.

#### 2) Write the correct sentence

a. Why can't you come over? I (to let) you sleep at my place.	..... .....
b. I (not to do) it unless you prove Jane wrong.	..... .....
c. We (to try) to make it work. We (to let) you know.	..... .....
d. (we/to go) to the restaurant tonight? I (to pay) for the meal.	..... .....

#### 3) Answer the questions.

a. What will you do tomorrow?	..... .....
b. Where will you stay during your summer vacation?	..... .....

c. Will robots take over the planet?	..... .....
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**Independent Practice: Answers - Future simple tense**

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- b. Max will **certainly** come **later tonight**.
- c. Susan will try to go there **next month** but it **probably** won't happen.

**2) Write the correct sentence**

- a. Why can't you come over? I'll **let** you sleep at my place.
- b. I **won't do** it unless you prove Jane wrong.
- c. We'll **try** to make it work. We'll **let** you know.
- d. **Shall we** go to the restaurant tonight? I'll **pay** for the meal.

**3) Answer the questions. Sample Answers:**

- a. I'll probably stay at home and sleep the whole day.
- b. I'll stay at my friends' place.
- c. Robots won't take over the planet./I don't think that robots will take over the planet.