

Future Simple (Will): Decisions, Promises, Offers

Grammar Lesson, Examples & 30 Practice Questions

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Sometimes we make a decision at the exact moment we are speaking. Sometimes we want to promise something to another person. Sometimes we want to help someone. In all of these situations, we use **Future Simple with will** in English.

Look at these simple examples:

- *"I'll have the pizza, please."* (a decision made right now)
- *"I will call you tomorrow."* (a promise)
- *"I'll carry that bag for you."* (an offer to help)

In this lesson, you will learn how to form the **Future Simple with will** and how to use it for decisions, promises, and offers.

What Is "Will"?

Will is a special verb in English. We call it a **modal verb**. Do not worry about this term — it simply means that **will** is a helper word. It goes before the main verb to talk about the future.

Here is the most important rule:

Subject + will + base verb

The **base verb** is the simple form of the verb — no -s, no -ing, no -ed. For example: *go, eat, help, call*.

Examples:

- I **will go** to the shop.
- She **will help** you.
- They **will eat** dinner at home.

How to Form the Future Simple with Will

Positive Sentences (Affirmative)

To make a positive sentence about the future, use:

Subject + will + base verb + (rest of sentence)

Subject	Will	Base Verb	Example Sentence
I	will	help	I will help you.
You	will	love	You will love this film.
He	will	call	He will call you later.
She	will	come	She will come to the party.
It	will	be	It will be ready soon.
We	will	wait	We will wait for you.
They	will	arrive	They will arrive at seven.

Important: *Will* does **not** change for different subjects. We do NOT say "*She wills go*" or "*He wills help*". The form is always **will** for everyone.

Negative Sentences

To make a negative sentence, add **not** after *will*:

Subject + will not + base verb + (rest of sentence)

Subject	Will Not	Base Verb	Example Sentence
I	will not	forget	I will not forget your birthday.
He	will not	be	He will not be late.
She	will not	tell	She will not tell anyone.
We	will not	leave	We will not leave you alone.
They	will not	miss	They will not miss the train.

Questions

To make a question, put **will** at the beginning of the sentence, before the subject:

Will + subject + base verb + (rest of sentence)?

Will	Subject	Base Verb	Example Question
Will	you	help	Will you help me?
Will	he	come	Will he come to the meeting?
Will	she	call	Will she call us?

Will	Subject	Base Verb	Example Question
Will	they	be	Will they be at home?
Will	it	take	Will it take long?

Contractions: Will and Won't

In everyday English — when we speak and in informal writing — we often use **contractions**. A contraction is when we join two words together and use an apostrophe (') to replace the missing letter or letters.

Positive contraction: *will* → **I'll**

- I will → **I'll**
- You will → **You'll**
- He will → **He'll**
- She will → **She'll**
- It will → **It'll**
- We will → **We'll**
- They will → **They'll**

Negative contraction: *will not* → **won't**

- I will not → **I won't**
- She will not → **She won't**
- They will not → **They won't**

Examples with contractions:

- **I'll** carry your bags for you.
- **She'll** be back in ten minutes.
- **We won't** tell anyone, I promise.
- **I'll** have the chicken, please.

Note: *Won't* looks very different from *will not*, but they mean exactly the same thing. This is an irregular contraction — you simply need to remember it.

Three Main Uses of Will

1. Decisions Made Right Now

We use *will* when we make a decision **at the moment of speaking** — right now, in this second. We did not plan this before. Something happens and we decide immediately.

Imagine you are at a café. The waiter asks: "*What would you like to eat?*" You look at the menu and you decide now:

"I'll have the pasta, please."

You did not plan this at home. You decided right now. This is a **spontaneous decision**. The word *spontaneous* means something you do without planning.

More examples of decisions made right now:

- Your phone rings. You say: *"I'll answer it."*
- You are cold. You say: *"I'll close the window."*
- You see a spider. You say: *"I'll catch it and put it outside."*
- Your friend needs help moving furniture. You say: *"I'll help you on Saturday."*

2. Promises

We use *will* when we make a **promise** to someone. A promise is when you tell someone you will definitely do something. You are giving them your word.

Common situations for promises:

- A child says: *"I will tidy my room, Mum, I promise."*
- A friend says: *"I won't tell anyone your secret."*
- You say: *"I'll always be here for you."*
- Someone says: *"I will pay you back on Friday."*

Notice that we often use the word *promise* with these sentences, but it is not necessary. The use of *will* itself already sounds like a promise in many situations.

3. Offers to Help

We use *will* when we **offer to do something** for someone — when we want to help. In spoken English, we almost always use the contraction *I'll* for offers.

Common offer situations:

- Someone has heavy bags. You say: *"I'll carry that for you."*
- Someone is looking at a map. You say: *"I'll show you the way."*
- The phone rings in the office. You say: *"I'll get it!"*
- Your friend is cooking. You say: *"I'll wash the dishes."*

We can also make offers using **Shall I...?** or **Shall we...?** — but that is for another lesson. For now, focus on **I'll...** for making offers.

Summary Table: Three Uses of Will

Use	When do we use it?	Example
Decision	You decide something right now, at this moment.	"I'll have the orange juice, please."
Promise	You tell someone you will definitely do something.	"I won't be late, I promise."
Offer	You offer to do something helpful for someone.	"I'll help you with that."

Important Differences: Will vs. Going To

Many students ask: "When do I use will and when do I use going to?" This is a very good question. Here is the simple answer:

Will → for decisions made **right now**, promises, and offers.

Going to → for plans and decisions you made **before now** (you already planned it).

Look at these two situations:

Situation A: It is Monday. You are speaking to your friend. You say:

"I'm going to visit my grandmother on Saturday."

(You planned this before. It is already decided.)

Situation B: It is Saturday morning. You get a phone call. Your grandmother is not feeling well. At this moment, you decide:

"I'll go and see her right now."

(You decided this just now, at this moment.)

Remember: **will** = spontaneous (right now). **Going to** = planned before.

Common Mistakes

Here are the most common errors that students make with **Future Simple will**. Study these carefully!

✗ *I will to go to the shop.*

✓ **Never use "to" after will.** I will go to the shop.

✗ *She wills help you.*

✓ **Will never changes — no -s for he/she/it.** She will help you.

✗ *I will not going to the party.*

✓ **Use the base verb, not -ing, after will.** I will not go to the party.

✗ *Will you help to me?*

✓ **No "to" before a pronoun here.** Will you help me?

✗ *I wont be late.*

✓ **Won't needs an apostrophe.** I won't be late.

✗ *I am going to call you now — I decide this second.*

✓ **Use will for decisions made right now.** I'll call you now.

✗ *I'll to have the salad, please.*

✓ **No "to" after a contraction of will either.** I'll have the salad, please.

Useful Phrases and Time Expressions with Will

Here are some common words and phrases that we often use with *will*:

Time Expression	Example Sentence
tomorrow	I'll call you tomorrow.
soon	She'll be ready soon.
later	He'll come back later.
in a minute	I'll finish it in a minute.
next week	We'll visit them next week.
one day	I'll travel to Japan one day.
always	I'll always remember this day.
never	I'll never tell anyone.

Mini Story: Will in Action

Read this short story. Notice how *will* is used for decisions, promises, and offers.

It is a cold Saturday morning. Tom is sitting in a café with his friend, Anna. A waiter comes to their table.

Waiter: *"Good morning! What can I get for you?"*

Tom looks at the menu for a moment and says: *"I'll have a large coffee and a croissant, please."* (Decision made right now)

Anna says: *"I'll have a hot chocolate, please."* (Decision made right now)

The waiter leaves. Anna looks at her bag. She cannot find her purse.

Tom smiles and says: *"Don't worry. I'll pay for both of us today."* (Offer)

Anna looks worried. Tom says: *"I promise, it's fine. You can pay next time. I won't forget!"* (Promise)

Anna's phone rings loudly. Anna is looking for her phone in her bag. Tom says: *"I'll get the waiter's attention while you answer that."* (Offer)

Anna laughs. *"Thank you, Tom! I'll bring you some cake from the bakery tomorrow — I promise!"* (Promise and decision)

In this short story, you can see how natural and common *will* is in everyday conversation.

Future Simple (Will): Quick Summary

Here is everything you need to remember about the **Future Simple with will**:

- Use **will + base verb** to talk about the future.
- Use *will* for **decisions made right now** (spontaneous decisions).
- Use *will* for **promises** — when you give your word to someone.
- Use *will* for **offers** — when you want to help someone.

- **Will never changes** — it is the same for I, you, he, she, it, we, they.
- **Never** put *to* after *will*: say "*I will go*", not "*I will to go*".
- The negative is **will not** or the contraction **won't**.
- The positive contraction is **'ll** (e.g. I'll, she'll, they'll).
- For questions, put *will* first: **Will + subject + base verb?**
- Remember: *will* = decision **right now**. *Going to* = planned **before**.

Now practise **Future Simple with will** in the exercises below.

Future Simple (Will): Decisions, Promises, Offers – Practice Test

A2 | 30 Questions: Multiple Choice, Fill-in-the-Gap & Fill-in-the-Blank

Part 1: Multiple Choice (Questions 1–10)

1 The phone is ringing. Don't worry, I ____ answer it.

- A** am going to
- B** will
- C** would
- D** am

2 I promise I ____ be late to your party.

- A** won't
- B** will not to
- C** am not going
- D** don't will

3 You look tired. I ____ make you a cup of tea.

- A** will
- B** am going to
- C** would to
- D** going to

4 Which sentence shows a promise?

- A** I am eating dinner now.
- B** I will always love you.
- C** She goes to school every day.
- D** They are playing football.

5 A: The bag is very heavy! B: Don't worry, I ____ carry it for you.

- A** carried
- B** carry
- C** will carry
- D** am carrying

6 I ____ call you as soon as I arrive, I promise.

- A** calls
- B** called
- C** will call
- D** calling

7 Which sentence shows a spontaneous decision?

- A** I planned this trip last week.
- B** I was going to the store.
- C** It's cold! I will close the window.
- D** She has already cooked dinner.

8 A: We have no milk. B: I ____ buy some from the shop.

- A** bought
- B** will buy
- C** am buy
- D** buys

9 I ____ never tell your secret to anyone. I promise.

- A** am not tell
- B** don't tell
- C** will never tell
- D** telling never

10 A: Can someone help me with these boxes? B: I ____ help you!

- A** am helping
- B** help
- C** helped
- D** will help

Part 2: Fill in the Gap (Questions 11–20)

11 I ____ help you carry those heavy bags.

- A** will
- B** am going to
- C** would

12 Don't worry. I ____ forget your birthday this year.

- A** won't
- B** don't
- C** didn't

13 The phone is ringing. I ____ answer it.

- A** will
- B** am
- C** was

14 ____ you help me with this exercise, please?

- A** Will
- B** Do
- C** Are

15 I promise I ____ always be honest with you.

- A** will
- B** have
- C** do

16 You look tired. I ____ make you a cup of tea.

- A** will
- B** going to
- C** would to

17 I ____ open the window. It's very hot in here.

- A** will
- B** am going
- C** did

18 He ____ be late. He promised to arrive on time.

- A** won't
- B** doesn't
- C** isn't

19 I ____ lend you my pen if you need it.

- A** will
- B** am
- C** was

20 We ____ never tell anyone your secret. We promise!

- A** will
- B** are
- C** do

Part 3: Fill in the Blank (Questions 21–30)

21 A: The phone is ringing. B: Don't worry, I _____ it!

22 I promise I _____ you tonight.

23 You look tired. I _____ you a cup of tea.

24 A: I forgot my umbrella. B: Don't worry, I _____ mine with you.

25 I _____ anyone your secret, I promise.

26 A: This bag is very heavy. B: I _____ it for you!

27 I _____ you clean the kitchen after dinner.

28 A: We need more chairs. B: OK, I _____ some from the other room.

29 Don't worry about the dishes. I _____ them later.

30 A: _____ you help me with my homework? B: Of course!

Answer Key & Explanations

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Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. **B** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will for a spontaneous decision made at the moment of speaking. I will answer it means you decided right now to do something.
2. **A** Correct Answer: won't ✓ Explanation: We use won't (will not) for a promise not to do something. I won't be late is a promise made to someone.
3. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will to make an offer to help someone. I will make you a cup of tea is an offer decided at that moment.
4. **B** Correct Answer: I will always love you. ✓ Explanation: Will is used to make a promise about the future. I will always love you is a strong promise to another person.
5. **C** Correct Answer: will carry ✓ Explanation: We use will + verb to make an offer to help. I will carry it is a spontaneous offer made right now.
6. **C** Correct Answer: will call ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to make a promise about a future action. I will call you shows a commitment to the other person.
7. **C** Correct Answer: It's cold! I will close the window. ✓ Explanation: Will is used for a spontaneous decision made right now in response to a situation. The speaker decided to close the window at that moment.
8. **B** Correct Answer: will buy ✓ Explanation: We use will for a decision made at the moment of speaking. I will buy some is decided right now after hearing there is no milk.
9. **C** Correct Answer: will never tell ✓ Explanation: We use will never + verb to make a strong promise not to do something. I will never tell your secret shows a commitment to keep the secret.
10. **D** Correct Answer: will help ✓ Explanation: We use will to volunteer or make an offer immediately. I will help you is a spontaneous offer in response to someone's need.

Part 2: Fill in the Gap

11. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will to make a spontaneous offer to help someone. I will help you carry those heavy bags.
12. **A** Correct Answer: won't ✓ Explanation: We use won't (will not) to make a promise about something we will NOT do. I won't forget your birthday this year.

13. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will for a spontaneous decision made at the moment of speaking. The phone is ringing. I will answer it.
14. **A** Correct Answer: Will ✓ Explanation: We use Will you...? to make a polite request or offer. Will you help me with this exercise, please?
15. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will after I promise to make a promise about the future. I promise I will always be honest with you.
16. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will to make a spontaneous offer when we see someone needs help. I will make you a cup of tea.
17. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will for a spontaneous decision made right now, based on the situation. I will open the window.
18. **A** Correct Answer: won't ✓ Explanation: We use won't (will not) to talk about a future promise or certainty about something that will NOT happen. He won't be late.
19. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will to make a spontaneous offer to give something to someone. I will lend you my pen if you need it.
20. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will with never to make a strong promise that something will not happen. We will never tell anyone your secret.

Part 3: Fill in the Blank

21. **will answer|I'll answer** Correct Answer: will answer / 'I'll answer ✓ Explanation: We use will for a spontaneous decision made at the moment of speaking. I'll answer it means you decided right now to pick up the phone.
22. **will call|I'll call** Correct Answer: will call / 'I'll call ✓ Explanation: We use will to make a promise. I will call you tonight shows you are giving your word to do something.
23. **will make|I'll make** Correct Answer: will make / 'I'll make ✓ Explanation: We use will to make an offer. When you see someone needs help, you offer to do something with I'll make...
24. **will share|I'll share** Correct Answer: will share / 'I'll share ✓ Explanation: We use will for a spontaneous offer. The decision to share was made at that moment, not planned before.
25. **won't tell|will not tell** Correct Answer: won't tell / will not tell ✓ Explanation: We use won't (will not) for a negative promise. I won't tell anyone means you promise NOT to do something.
26. **will carry|I'll carry** Correct Answer: will carry / 'I'll carry ✓ Explanation: We use will to make an offer to help. Seeing someone struggle, you decide immediately to help with I'll carry it.

27. **will help|'ll help** Correct Answer: will help / 'll help ✓ Explanation: We use will to make a promise or offer. I'll help you shows you are volunteering to do something for someone.
28. **will get|'ll get** Correct Answer: will get / 'll get ✓ Explanation: We use will for a decision made at the moment of speaking. You heard the problem and immediately decided to solve it with I'll get some.
29. **will wash|'ll wash** Correct Answer: will wash / 'll wash ✓ Explanation: We use will to make a spontaneous promise or offer. I'll wash them is a decision you are making right now to reassure someone.
30. **Will** Correct Answer: Will ✓ Explanation: We use Will at the start of a question to make a request or offer. The structure is Will + subject + verb, as in Will you help me?

Score Guide

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| 27–30 Correct | Excellent! You have mastered this topic. |
| 23–26 Correct | Very good! Review the rules you missed. |
| 18–22 Correct | Good start. Re-read the lesson and examples. |
| 0–17 Correct | Study the lesson again before retaking the test. |