

Future Simple (Will): Predictions

Grammar Lesson, Examples & 30 Practice Questions

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Sometimes we want to talk about what we think will happen in the future. We call this making a **prediction**. A prediction is when you say what you believe will happen — but you are not 100% sure.

We use **will** to make predictions in English. Look at these simple examples:

- *I think it **will** rain tomorrow.*
- *She **will** probably be a great teacher one day.*
- *I don't think they **will** win the match.*

In this lesson, you will learn how to use **Future Simple (will)** to make predictions in English — step by step.

What Is a Prediction?

A **prediction** is a sentence where you say what you think will happen in the future. You are using your opinion or your knowledge to guess.

Look at this mini-situation:

*Marco looks at the sky. The clouds are very dark. He says: "I think it **will** rain soon."*

Marco does not know for certain. He is making a **prediction** based on what he sees. This is a perfect situation to use **will**.

Common words and phrases that appear with predictions using **will**:

- **I think ...**
- **I don't think ...**
- **I believe ...**
- **probably**
- **maybe / perhaps**

Rule Breakdown: How to Form Future Simple (Will)

The grammar rule is simple. We use:

Subject + will + base verb

The **subject** is the person or thing doing the action (for example: I, you, she, the team).

Will is the helping word (we call it an *auxiliary verb* — a verb that helps another verb).

The **base verb** is the main verb in its simplest form, with no -s, -ing, or -ed ending.

Examples:

- I **will travel** to Spain one day.
- She **will become** a doctor.
- They **will win** the game.

Important: Will is the same for all subjects. You do NOT change it. There is no "wills" or "willing" in this structure.

Positive Sentences (Affirmative)

To make a **positive prediction**, use this pattern:

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

Subject	Will	Base Verb	Example Sentence
I	will	be	I will be happy tomorrow.
You	will	pass	You will pass the exam.
He	will	win	He will win the race.
She	will	become	She will become a nurse.
It	will	rain	It will rain tonight.
We	will	travel	We will travel next summer.
They	will	arrive	They will arrive late.

Negative Sentences

To make a **negative prediction** (when you think something will NOT happen), use this pattern:

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

We often use the short form (called a **contraction**): **will not = won't**

Subject	Will Not / Won't	Base Verb	Example Sentence
I	will not / won't	be	I won't be late.
You	will not / won't	fail	You won't fail the test.
He	will not / won't	come	He won't come to the party.
She	will not / won't	win	She won't win the competition.

Subject	Will Not / Won't	Base Verb	Example Sentence
It	will not / won't	snow	It won't snow in July.
We	will not / won't	move	We won't move to another city.
They	will not / won't	lose	They won't lose the match.

Question Sentences

To ask a question about the future, we move **will** to the **beginning** of the sentence, before the subject.

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

Will	Subject	Base Verb	Example Question
Will	I	be	Will I be okay?
Will	you	pass	Will you pass the exam?
Will	he	win	Will he win the race?
Will	she	become	Will she become a doctor?
Will	it	rain	Will it rain tomorrow?
Will	we	travel	Will we travel this year?
Will	they	arrive	Will they arrive on time?

Short answers to **will** questions:

- **Yes** → Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **will**.
- **No** → No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **won't**.

Contractions With Will

In speaking and informal writing, we often make **contractions**. A contraction is when two words are joined together and we use an apostrophe (') to replace the missing letters.

Full Form	Contraction	Example
I will	I'll	I'll be there soon.
You will	You'll	You'll do well.
He will	He'll	He'll win the prize.

Full Form	Contraction	Example
She will	She'll	She'll become famous.
It will	It'll	It'll rain later.
We will	We'll	We'll travel next year.
They will	They'll	They'll arrive tomorrow.
Will not	Won't	It won't snow today.

Note: The negative contraction is **won't** — this spelling can look surprising! It is NOT "willn't". Remember: **will not = won't**.

Using Prediction Words With Will

We often add special words to show **how sure** we are about a prediction. Here are the most common ones at A2 level:

Word / Phrase	Meaning	Example
I think ...	I believe this will happen	I think it will be sunny.
I don't think ...	I believe this will NOT happen	I don't think she will come.
probably	very likely	He will probably pass.
maybe / perhaps	possible, but not sure	Maybe they will win.
I believe ...	I am fairly sure	I believe she will succeed.

Where to put "probably": Place **probably** *after* **will** in positive sentences, and *before* **won't** in negative sentences.

- ✓ She **will probably** pass the exam.
- ✓ She **probably won't** pass the exam.

Important Differences: Will for Predictions vs. Will for Decisions

Will has more than one use in English. At this level, it is important to know the difference between a **prediction** and a **spontaneous decision** (a decision made at the moment of speaking).

Look at these two sentences:

- I think robots **will** do many jobs in the future.* → This is a **prediction** about the future.
- The phone is ringing. I **'ll** answer it!* → This is a **spontaneous decision** — the speaker decides right now.

In this lesson, we focus only on **predictions**. You will learn about decisions with **will** in another lesson.

Common Mistakes

Here are some mistakes that learners often make with **Future Simple (will)** predictions. Study them carefully!

✗ She wills become a teacher.

✓ **She will become a teacher.**

(Will does not change — never add -s!)

✗ I will to study tomorrow.

✓ **I will study tomorrow.**

(Do not use "to" after will. Use the base verb directly.)

✗ I think she won't to pass.

✓ **I think she won't pass.**

(No "to" after won't either.)

✗ I don't think she will not come.

✓ **I don't think she will come.**

(Do not use "I don't think" and "will not" together. Choose one negative only.)

✗ It will raining tomorrow.

✓ **It will rain tomorrow.**

(Use the base verb after will — never add -ing.)

✗ Will it rains tomorrow?

✓ **Will it rain tomorrow?**

(Do not add -s to the verb after will in questions.)

✗ She will probably won't pass.

✓ **She probably won't pass.**

(Don't use "will" and "won't" in the same verb phrase. Choose one.)

Real-Life Examples of Predictions With Will

Here are some everyday prediction sentences to help you remember how to use **Future Simple (will)**:

- I think the weather **will** be nice at the weekend.
- She **will probably** get the job — she is very talented.
- I don't think this film **will** be very good.
- Maybe they **won't** come to the party.
- I believe electric cars **will** be very common in the future.
- Do you think it **will** snow this winter?
- He **probably won't** remember my name.

Future Simple (Will): Predictions — Quick Summary

Let's look at the key rules for using **Future Simple (will)** for predictions:

- Use **will + base verb** to predict what you think will happen in the future.
- **Will** is the same for all subjects — I, you, he, she, it, we, they.
- For **positive** sentences: **Subject + will + base verb**. Example: *It will rain.*
- For **negative** sentences: **Subject + will not / won't + base verb**. Example: *It won't rain.*
- For **questions**: **Will + subject + base verb?** Example: *Will it rain?*
- Use prediction words like **I think, probably, maybe, I believe** to show how sure you are.
- **probably** goes *after* will in positive sentences: *She will probably come.*
- **probably** goes *before* won't in negative sentences: *She probably won't come.*
- Never add **-s, -ing, or to** after will.
- The negative contraction is **won't** (not "willn't").

Now practise **Future Simple (will) predictions** in the exercises below.

Future Simple (Will): Predictions – Practice Test

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

Part 1: Multiple Choice (Questions 1–10)

1 Look at those dark clouds! It ____ rain soon.

- A** is going to
- B** will
- C** would
- D** rains

2 I think robots ____ do most jobs in the future.

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

3 People ____ live on the Moon one day.

- A** lived
- B** live
- C** will live
- D** living

4 She ____ probably be a great doctor someday.

- A** will
- B** is
- C** was
- D** were

5 Do you think computers ____ replace teachers in schools?

- A** replace
- B** replaces
- C** replaced
- D** will replace

6 I don't think it ____ snow tomorrow.

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

7 Experts say the world ____ be much warmer in 50 years.

- A** will
- B** is
- C** are
- D** was

8 Which sentence is correct for a future prediction?

- A** He will goes to Mars.
- B** He will go to Mars.
- C** He goes will to Mars.
- D** He go will to Mars.

9 ____ prices be lower in the future?

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

10 I think electric cars ____ very popular in 10 years.

- A** become
- B** became
- C** will become
- D** are becoming

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

11 I think it ____ rain tomorrow.

- A** will
- B** is
- C** are

12 She ____ be a great doctor one day.

- A** will
- B** is going
- C** are

13 They ____ not win the game tonight.

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

14 I think the weather ____ be sunny next week.

- A** will
- B** was
- C** were

15 ____ you help me with my homework later?

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

16 He ____ probably be late for the meeting.

- A** will
- B** does
- C** is going

17 The students ____ pass their exam if they study hard.

- A** will
- B** would
- C** have

18 I don't think she ____ like this movie.

- A** will
- B** does
- C** has

19 It ____ snow a lot this winter, I think.

- A** will
- B** did
- C** was

20 There ____ be a big party at school next Friday.

- A** will
- B** were
- C** have

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

21 Look at those dark clouds. It _____ later today.

22 I think she _____ the competition. She is very talented.

23 It is very cold outside. The lake _____ tonight.

24 I don't think he _____ the exam. He never studies.

25 They _____ to the party. They are busy.

26 Do you think people _____ on the moon one day?

27 The weather forecast says it _____ sunny tomorrow.

28 I think robots _____ people with housework in the future.

29 She looks tired. I think she _____ to bed early tonight.

30 In the year 2100, many people _____ to space for their holidays.

Answer Key & Explanations

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Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. **B** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will to make a prediction about the future. It will rain soon means we think rain is coming. Both will and going to can show predictions, but will is the correct choice here for a simple future prediction.
2. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to make predictions about the future. I think robots will do most jobs shows what we believe will happen later.
3. **C** Correct Answer: will live ✓ Explanation: To talk about a future prediction, we use will + base verb. Will live is correct because it follows will with the base form of the verb live.
4. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will before probably to make a prediction. She will probably be a great doctor shows a guess about the future.
5. **D** Correct Answer: will replace ✓ Explanation: In a question about a future prediction, we use will + base verb. Will replace is correct because we are asking about something that might happen in the future.
6. **B** Correct Answer: won't ✓ Explanation: When we predict something will not happen, we use won't (short for will not). It won't snow tomorrow is a negative future prediction.
7. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to talk about predictions for the future. The world will be warmer is a prediction about what experts think will happen.
8. **B** Correct Answer: He will go to Mars. ✓ Explanation: The correct structure is will + base verb. We do not add -s or -es to the verb after will. He will go is correct, not he will goes.
9. **C** Correct Answer: Will ✓ Explanation: To form a question about a future prediction, we put Will at the beginning of the sentence. Will prices be lower? asks about something that might happen in the future.
10. **C** Correct Answer: will become ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to make predictions about the future. Will become shows what we think will happen in 10 years.

Part 2: Fill in the Gap

11. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to make predictions about the future. It will rain tomorrow.
12. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: To predict something about the future, we use will + base verb. She will be a great doctor.

13. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: For negative predictions, we use will not (won't). The structure is will + not + base verb. They will not win the game.
14. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will to talk about what we think or predict will happen in the future. The weather will be sunny.
15. **A** Correct Answer: Will ✓ Explanation: To ask a question about the future using will, we put Will at the beginning of the sentence. Will you help me later?
16. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb for predictions. The word probably often appears between will and the verb. He will probably be late.
17. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will to predict a future result. The students will pass their exam. is a prediction based on studying.
18. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: After I don't think, we use will + base verb to predict something negative. I don't think she will like this movie.
19. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to make a prediction about the future. It will snow a lot this winter.
20. **A** Correct Answer: will ✓ Explanation: The expression there will be is used to predict that something will exist or happen in the future. There will be a big party next Friday.

Part 3: Fill in the Blank

21. **will rain** Correct Answer: will rain ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to make predictions about the future. It will rain = we think rain is coming soon.
22. **will win** Correct Answer: will win ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to say what we think will happen. She will win = our prediction about her.
23. **will freeze** Correct Answer: will freeze ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb for predictions based on what we see or know. The lake will freeze because it is very cold.
24. **will pass** Correct Answer: will pass ✓ Explanation: After I don't think, we still use will + base verb for a negative prediction. He will pass becomes negative through don't think.
25. **will not come|won't come** Correct Answer: will not come / won't come ✓ Explanation: For negative predictions, we use will not or won't + base verb. They will not come = we predict they are not going to attend.
26. **will live** Correct Answer: will live ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb in questions about future predictions. Will people live on the moon? = asking about a possible future event.

27. **will be** Correct Answer: will be ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb for predictions. The base verb of is/are is be. It will be sunny = a prediction about tomorrow's weather.
28. **will help** Correct Answer: will help ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb after phrases like I think to make predictions. Robots will help = our idea about what will happen.
29. **will go** Correct Answer: will go ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to predict what someone will do based on how they look or feel. She will go to bed = our prediction based on seeing she is tired.
30. **will travel** Correct Answer: will travel ✓ Explanation: We use will + base verb to make predictions about the far future. People will travel to space = an idea about what life will be like later.

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. |