

WILL / WON'T FOR PREDICTIONS

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn how to use and form Future Simple for predictions for the future
Key Goals	<p>Here is an outline of what you will learn today:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of Future Simple 2. Formation of Future Simple in affirmative, interrogative, and negative sentences

1. The use of Future Simple

- We use Future Simple forms will / won't to talk about future predictions – what we predict will happen in the future although we do not have any evidence that this will really happen.
- It is only our opinion of what will happen in the future and it does not necessarily mean it will come true.
- This form is often used with the phrase 'I think' or 'perhaps' in a sentence.

Example:

I think it will snow tomorrow.

- This is our opinion and we do not have any proof for this, so the probability of snow is quite low.

Perhaps he will come.

- Maybe he will, but I am not sure.

2. Formation of Future Simple in affirmative, interrogative, and negative sentences

Type of sentence	Formation of Future Simple	Example
Affirmative sentences	Subject + will + infinitive form of the verb	They will drink wine.
Interrogative sentences	Will + subject + infinitive form of the verb	Will they drink wine?
Negative sentences	Subject + will not (won't) + infinitive form of the verb	They will not drink wine. (or They won't drink wine)

NOTE: In affirmative sentences, we can use the abbreviation 'll instead of will.

Example:

He'll come tomorrow.

Exercise:

Put the following sentences into affirmative (+), interrogative (?) and negative (-) forms (-).

1. People (fly) to the Moon every day in the future.

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?

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2. He (buy) a new car soon.

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3. My parents (stay) there forever.

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-

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Answers:

1.

- + People will fly to the Moon every day in the future.
- ? Will people fly to the Moon every day in the future?
- People won't fly to the Moon every day in the future.

2.

- + He will buy a new car soon.
- ? Will he buy a new car soon?
- He won't buy a new car soon.

3.

- + My parents will stay there forever.
- ? Will my parents stay there forever?
- My parents won't stay there forever.

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<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-practice/will-future-predictions>