



When talking about the future tense in English, the verbs do not have one form. Instead, we tend to use several different sentence constructions. To form the simple future tense, we use the modal verb 'will' + the bare infinitive of the verb (without "to"). Additionally, we can make the future simple tense by using the form 'be going to' + the bare infinitive of the main verb.

### **WHEN TO USE:**

A) To predict something: we use the future simple tense for predictions that are based on desires.

- I think the Democrats will win the elections this year.
- I feel like it will rain tonight.
- Our national team will win the game.

B) Use 'will' to express promise: we use "will" more often in expressing promises:

- I will text you when I arrive.
- I promise I will make up for you next time.
- I will send you the money tomorrow.
- I promise I will be there for your birthday.

C) To describe a future fact: we use this tense to talk about things that are going to happen.

- The president will be in London tomorrow.
- I will drive to downtown, if you want to come by.

D) Unplanned actions or decisions: we can use the simple future tense when talking about things that are not planned at the moment of speaking.

- Adam: It is cold in here
- Sam: I will close the window.
- Adam: It is cold in here
- Sara: The traffic is heavy; I don't think I will be able to get you to the station.
- Laura: Don't worry about it, I will just walk instead.

E) To offer help or provide assistance: you can use the simple future tense to express your willingness to provide help.

- Give me one of the boxes I will carry them for you.
- Don't worry I will help you with your homework.
- I will pay for the coffee.

F) Using 'be going to' form: we can use 'be going to' to describe our plans that we usually make before the moment of speaking.

- Ahmed: we have run out of meat.
- Sarah: I know, I'm going to buy some at the store.
- I will send you the money tomorrow.
- I promise I will be there for your birthday.

G) Using 'be going to' form to make predictions about the future.  
Look at those numbers; I think the country is going to shut down.

- The wind is getting stronger. It's going to rain.

## **HOW TO USE:**

### **Positive and negative form:**

<b>POSITIVE</b>	<b>NEGATIVE</b>
I will meet him later	I will not meet him later
You will come	You will not come
It will rain tomorrow	It will not rain tomorrow
She will be late	She will not be late
He will help us later	He will not help us later
We will get married in September	We will not get married in September
They will cook dinner	They will not cook dinner

### **Question forms:**

<b>YES/NO QUESTIONS</b>	<b>WH- QUESTIONS</b>
Will you meet him later?	Where will you meet him?
Will you come?	When will you come?
Will it rain tomorrow?	Where will it rain tomorrow?
Will she be late?	Who will be late?
Will he help us?	Why will he help us?
Will we get married in September?	When will we get married?
Will they cook dinner?	What will they cook?

