

Future Tense

What is the future tense with will?

The future tense with will talks about future events. These events will start and/or end in the future. Take a look at the following:

I *will play* tennis tomorrow afternoon.
They *will arrive* at the airport at 2:00 pm.
Becky *won't pass* the class.

What is the sentence structure?

The sentence structure for positive sentences looks like this:

subject | auxiliary verb (will) | main verb | object/complement

She | will | visit | her aunt this weekend.

The English test | will | be | very difficult.

The sentence structure for negative sentences looks like this:

subject | auxiliary verb (will) + not | main verb | object/complement

The weather | will not | be | good.

Megan | will not | become | rich and successful in the future.

And lastly, here is the sentence structure for questions:

yes/no questions: auxiliary verb (will) | subject | main verb | object/complement

Will | you | give | me some money?

wh-questions: wh-question | auxiliary verb (will) | subject | main verb | object/complement

What | will | you | do | after work?

When will you see the movie?

Where...?

Why...?

Who will you see a movie with?

How is the future tense with will used?

The future tense with will is often used for the following purposes:

1: When you predict the future but aren't sure:

A: What's the weather like today?

B: It will probably rain today.

2: When there isn't a plan:

A: Do you have any plans for the weekend?

B: I will probably see a movie, but I didn't check the movie schedule.

3: When you just made a decision:

A: What time do you want to go to the restaurant?

B: I don't know. I will meet you at 7:00. Is that okay?

Is there additional information on the simple past tense?

English speakers often use conjunctions with will. This is much more natural. For example:

I will = I'll

you will = you'll

he will = he'll

will not = won't

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