

## A

We do *not* use **will** to say what somebody has *already arranged or decided* to do:

- ☐ Lisa **is working** next week. (*not* Lisa will work)
- ☐ **Are you going to watch** TV this evening? (*not* will you watch)

See Units 19–20.

We use **will** to say what we know or believe about the future (not what someone has already decided).  
For example:

Kate has her driving test next week.  
Chris and Joe are talking about it.



Joe believes that Kate **will pass** the driving test.  
He is *predicting* the future.

When we predict a future happening or situation, we use **will/won't**.

Some more examples:

- ☐ They've been away a long time. When they return, they'**ll find** a lot of changes here.
- ☐ 'Where **will** you **be** this time next year?' 'I'**ll be** in Japan.'
- ☐ That plate is hot. If you touch it, you'**ll burn** yourself.
- ☐ Anna looks completely different now. You **won't recognise** her.
- ☐ When **will** you **get** your exam results?

Compare:

- ☐ I think James **is going** to the party on Friday. (= I think he has already decided to go)
- ☐ I think James **will go** to the party on Friday. (= I think he will decide to go)

## B

We often use **will** ('ll) with:

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| <b>probably</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> I' <b>ll probably</b> be home late tonight.                           |
| <b>I'm sure</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't worry about the exam. <b>I'm sure</b> you' <b>ll</b> pass.      |
| <b>I think</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you <b>think</b> Sarah <b>will</b> like the present we bought her? |
| <b>I don't think</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>don't think</b> the exam <b>will</b> be very difficult.          |
| <b>I wonder</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>wonder</b> what <b>will</b> happen.                              |

After **I hope**, we generally use the present:

- ☐ I hope Kate **passes** the driving test.
- ☐ I hope it **doesn't rain** tomorrow.

## C

Generally we use **will** to talk about *the future*, but sometimes we use **will** to talk about *now*:

- ☐ Don't phone Amy now. She'**ll be** busy. (= she'll be busy *now*)

## D

Normally we use **shall** only with **I** and **we**. You can say:

**I shall or I will (I'll)**      **we shall or we will (we'll)**

- ☐ **I shall** be late this evening. (*or I will be*)
- ☐ **We shall** probably go to France in June. (*or We will probably go*)

In spoken English we normally use **I'll** and **we'll**:

- ☐ **We'll** probably go to France.

The negative of **shall** is **shall not** or **shan't**:

- ☐ I **shan't** be here tomorrow. (*or I won't be*)

We do not normally use **shall** with **he/she/it/you/they**:

- ☐ She **will** be very angry. (*not* She shall be)

## Exercises

22.1 Put in **will ('ll)** or **won't**.

- 1 Can you wait for me? I won't be long.
- 2 There's no point in asking Amanda for advice. She ..... know what to do.
- 3 I'm glad I'm meeting Emma tomorrow. It ..... be good to see her again.
- 4 I'm sorry about what happened yesterday. It ..... happen again.
- 5 You don't need to take an umbrella with you. I don't think it ..... rain.
- 6 I've got some incredible news! You ..... believe it.

22.2 Complete the sentences using **will ('ll)**. Choose from the following:

it/be people/live	she/come it/look	you/get we/meet	you/like <del>you/pass</del>	you/enjoy she/mind
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- 1 Don't worry about your exam. I'm sure you'll pass.
- 2 Why don't you try on this jacket? ..... nice on you.
- 3 You must meet Max sometime. I think ..... him.
- 4 It's a very nice hotel. .... your stay there.
- 5 It's raining hard. Don't go out. .... very wet.
- 6 Do you think ..... longer in the future?
- 7 Goodbye! I'm sure ..... again before long.
- 8 I've invited Anna to the party, but I don't think .....
- 9 You can borrow Amy's umbrella. I don't think .....
- 10 It takes me an hour to get to work at the moment. When the new road is finished, ..... much quicker.

22.3 Write questions using **do you think ... will ... ?** + the following:

be back	cost	end	get married	happen	<del>like</del>	rain
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- 1 I've bought this picture for Karen. Do you think she'll like it ?
- 2 The weather doesn't look very good. Do you ..... ?
- 3 The meeting is still going on. When do you ..... ?
- 4 My car needs to be repaired. How much ..... ?
- 5 Sally and David are in love. Do ..... ?
- 6 'I'm going out now.' 'OK. What time ..... ?'
- 7 The future situation is uncertain. What ..... ?

## 22.4 Where do you think you will be at these times? Write sentences about yourself. Use:

**I'll be ...** or **I'll probably be ...** or **I don't know where ...**

- 1 (next Monday evening at 7.45) I'll probably be at home.
- 2 (at 3 am tomorrow) .....
- 3 (at 10.30 tomorrow morning) .....
- 4 (next Friday afternoon at 4.15) .....
- 5 (this time next year) .....

## 22.5 Which is better in these sentences?

- 1 Lisa isn't free on Saturday. She'll work / She's working. (She's working is correct)
- 2 It was an amazing experience. I never forget it. / I'll never forget it.
- 3 Something very funny happened. You're laughing / You'll laugh when I tell you about it.
- 4 I'll go / I'm going to a party tomorrow night. Would you like to come too?
- 5 Who do you think will win / is winning the game tomorrow?
- 6 I can't meet you this evening. A friend of mine will come / is coming to see me.
- 7 Don't be afraid of the dog. It won't hurt / It isn't hurting you.
- 8 What's happening / What will happen if I press this button?
- 9 A: Have you decided where to go for your holidays?  
B: Yes, we'll go / we're going to Italy.