

Simple future tense

Functions of the simple future tense

The simple future refers to a time later than now, and expresses facts or certainty. In this case there is no 'attitude'.

The simple future is used:

To predict a future event: •

It will rain tomorrow.

With I or We, to express a spontaneous decision: •

I'll pay for the tickets by credit card.

To express willingness: •

I'll do the washing-up.

He'll carry your bag for you.

In the negative form, to express unwillingness: •

The baby won't eat his soup.

I won't leave until I've seen the manager!

With I in the interrogative form using "shall", to make an offer: •

Shall I open the window?

With we in the interrogative form using "shall", to make a suggestion: •

Shall we go to the cinema tonight?

With I in the interrogative form using "shall", to ask for advice or instructions: •

What shall I tell the boss about this money?

With you, to give orders: •

You will do exactly as I say.

With you in the interrogative form, to give an invitation: •

Will you come to the dance with me?

Will you marry me?

Forming the simple future

The simple future tense is composed of two parts: *will / shall* + the infinitive without *to*

Subject	+will	+infinitive without "to"
Affirmative		
I	will	go
I	shall	go
Negative		
They	will not	see
They	won't	see
Interrogative		
Will	she	ask?
Interrogative negative		
Won't	they	try?

To see: simple future tense

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative	Interrogative negative
I will see	I won't see	Will I see?	Won't I see?
*I shall see		*Shall I see?	
You will see	You won't see	Will you see?	Won't you see?
He will see	He won't see	Will he see?	Won't he see?
We will see	We won't see	Will we see?	Won't we see?
*We shall see		*Shall we see?	
They will see	They won't see	Will they see?	Won't they see?

EX IN POSITIVE •

I will meet him later (I'll ..) •

You will come (you'll..) •

It will rain tomorrow (it'll) •

She will be late (she'll..) •

He will help us later (he'll..) •

We will get married in September (we'll) •

They will cook dinner (they'll..) •

EX IN NEGATIVE

- I will not go (I won't ..)
- You will not be late (you won't ..)
- It will not snow tomorrow (it won't..)
- She will not get the job (she won't..)
- He will not pass the exam (he won't ..)
- We will not come (we won't..)
- They will not stop (they won't ..)

Finally, here's the **question**:

'yes / no' questions:

- Will I go?
- Will you come early?
- Will it be cold?
- Will she dance?
- Will he arrive soon?
- Will we cook?
- Will they leave?

'wh' questions:

- Where will I go?
- Why will you come early?
- When will it be cold?
- Who will she dance with?
- What time will he arrive?
- What will we cook?
- When will they leave?