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The Future (2)

Will
Structure
Function

Will

The second way to create the future is by using *will*.

Will is a modal verb.

It doesn't present a real meaning, but it is capable of making the verb a future.

Compare:

I eat = io mangio

I will eat = io mangerò

As you can see, *will* is put between the subject and the verb and stays the same for all personal pronouns.

Will: Structure

Affirmative:

I will eat = Mangerò

You will eat

He/She/It will eat

We will eat

You will eat

They will eat

They are all written the same way!

Short form: 'll → I'll eat

Will: Structure

Negative:

I will NOT eat = Io non mangerò

You will NOT eat

He/She/It will NOT eat

We will NOT eat

You will NOT eat

They will NOT eat

WILL NOT → WON'T

Will: Structure

Interrogative: INVERSION

WILL I eat? = Mangerò? - **Yes, I will/No, I won't**

WILL YOU eat? - Yes, you will/No, you won't

WILL HE eat? - Yes, he will/No, he won't

WILL WE eat? - Yes, we will/No, we won't

WILL YOU eat? - Yes, you will/No, you won't

WILL THEY eat? - Yes, they will/No, they won't

An exercise

Exercise 1.

Translate the following sentences into English.

- 1) Io non cenerò questa sera
- 2) Studierai matematica all'università?
- 3) Porterò il cane a fare una passeggiata (to walk the dog)
- 4) Noi non passeremo le vacanze a Venezia (Venice)
- 5) Tornerai puntuale? (on time)

An exercise

Exercise 1.

Translate the following sentences into English.

- 1) I won't have dinner tonight
- 2) Will you study Mathematics/Maths at university?
- 3) I will walk my dog
- 4) We won't spend the/our holidays in Venice
- 5) Will you come back on time?

Will: Function

“Will” is used:

- as the **basic future form**
- when we **decide** to do something **at the time of speaking**
- to **promise** something
- **ask someone** to do something
- with a list of **verbs**

Will: Function

***Will* is used when we decide to do something at the time of speaking**

- 1) I've left the door open. - **I'll go** and shut it.
- 2) What would you like to drink? - **I'll have** a Coke.
- 3) Did you phone Ann? - Oh, no. I forgot it. **I'll do** it now.
- 4) I'm too tired to walk home. **I'll get** a taxi.

Will: Function

***Will* is used to promise**

- 1) Thank you for lending me the money. **I'll pay** you back on Sunday.
- 2) **I won't tell** Tom your secret. I promise.
- 3) I promise **I'll phone** you as soon as I arrive.

Will: Function

***Will* is used to ask someone to do something**

- 1) **Will you shut** the door, please?
- 2) **Will you** please **be** quite? I'm trying to concentrate.



Will: Function

***Will* is used with a list of verbs**

A SHORT LIST:

**believe expect guess hope imagine
seem suppose think presume**

- 1) **I believe you will pass** the exam
- 2) **I don't believe you will pass** the exam
- 3) **I think I'll get** there on time
- 4) **I don't think I'll get** there on time

Exercises

Exercise 2.

**Write sentences with “I think I...” or “I don’t think I...”.
Read the situation and then write your sentence.**

E.g.: It’s cold. You decide to close the window.
I think I’ll close the window.

- 1) You feel tired. You decide to go to bed.
- 2) A friend of yours offers you a lift in his car but you decide to walk.
- 3) You were going to go swimming. Now you don’t want to.
- 4) You arranged to play tennis. Now you decide you won’t play tennis.

Exercises

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Write sentences with “I think I...” or “I don’t think I...”.
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- 1) I think I’ll go to bed
- 2) I think I’ll walk
- 3) I don’t think I’ll go swimming
- 4) I don’t think I’ll play tennis



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