

Future forms I

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There are several ways to express the future in English:

■ Will

- Used for predictions
- Used for one-time events
- Used for promises
- Used for offers / instant decisions
- Used in combination with time clauses (as soon as, when, before, after)

■ Simple Present

- Used for scheduled public events such as train and plane schedules, course schedules, etc.

■ Present Continuous

- Used for planned or personally scheduled events. Usually used with principle verbs such as: come, go, begin, start, finish, have, etc.

■ Be going to

- The future with 'going to' is used to express planned events or intentions. These events or intentions are decided on *before* the moment of speaking (more distant than PCont.).
- Used for future predictions based on physical (usually visual) evidence.

Examples:

She won't win the election.

The concert will begin at 8 o'clock.

I will always love you.

They'll help you if you want.

The class begins at 11.30.

Look at those clouds. It's going to rain.

Frank is going to study Medicine.

He will telephone as soon as he arrives.

He's coming tomorrow afternoon.

- Predictions w/o evidence..
- One-time event
- Promises
- Offer
- Public events
- Predictions with evidence
- Intentions
- Combination of clauses
- Arranged Plans

Structure: Future with Will

		Pronunciation
I You He She It We You They	will ('ll) help you immediately. won't leave soon.	/wɪl/ /wəʊnt/
Will	it rain tomorrow?	

Structure: Future with Present Continuous

I'm (I am) You're (You are) He's (He is) She's (She is) It's (It is) We're (We are) You're (You are) They're (They are)	working next week.
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What	am I are you is he is she is it are we are you are they	doing this afternoon?
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I'm not (I am not) You aren't (You are not) He isn't (He is not) She isn't (She is not) It isn't (It is not) We aren't (We are not) You aren't (You are not) They aren't (They are not)	coming this evening.
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Structure: Future with Going to

I'm going to (I am)
You're going to (You are)
He's going to (He is)
She's going to (She is)
It's going to (It is)
We're going to (We are)
You're going to (You are)
They're going to (They are)

work this evening.

What

am I going to
are you going to
is he going to
is she going to
is it going to
are we going to
are you going to
are they going to

do tomorrow?

I'm not going to (I am not)
You aren't going to (You are not)
He isn't going to (He is not)
She isn't going to (She is not)
It isn't going to (It is not)
We aren't going to (We are not)
You aren't going to (You are not)
They aren't going to (They are not)

come this evening.

Structure: Future with Simple Present

I You We They	arrive	at noon.
He She It	arrives	at noon.

Do	I You We They	leave at noon?
Does	He She It	leave at noon?

I You We They	don't leave	at noon.
He She It	doesn't leave	at noon.

Common future time expressions include:

- next (week, month, year)
- tomorrow
- in X's time (amount of time, i.e. two week's time)
- in year, time clauses (when, as soon as, before, after)
- simple present (example: I will telephone as soon as I arrive.) soon, later

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