

Will/shall 2

A

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

- Diane **is working** next week. (*not* Diane will work)
- Are you going to watch** anything on TV this evening? (*not* Will you watch)

For '**is working**' and '**Are you going to ... ?**', see **Units 19–20**.

But often, when we talk about the future, we are *not* talking about what somebody has decided to do. For example:

Kate is doing an exam next week. Chris and Joe are talking about it.

Do you think Kate **will pass** the exam?

CHRIS



Yes, she'll **pass** easily.



JOE

She'll pass does *not* mean 'she has decided to pass'. Joe is saying what he knows or believes will happen.

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.
- Tom **won't pass** the exam. He hasn't studied hard enough.
- Anna looks completely different now. You **won't recognise** her.
- When **will** you **get** your exam results?

B

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

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

After **I hope**, we generally use the present (**will** is also possible):

- I hope Kate **passes** the exam. (*or* I hope Kate **will pass** ...)
- 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*.

For example:

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

D

I shall ... / we shall ...

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)

Do not use **shall** with **he/she/it/you/they**:

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

22.1 Which form of the verb is better in these sentences? The verbs are underlined.

- 1 Diane isn't free on Saturday. She'll work / She's working. (She's working is correct)
- 2 I'll go / I'm going to a party tomorrow night. Would you like to come too?
- 3 I think Amy will get / is getting the job. She has a lot of experience.
- 4 I can't meet you this evening. A friend of mine will come / is coming to see me.
- 5 A: Have you decided where to go for your holidays?
B: Yes, we'll go / we're going to Italy.
- 6 Don't be afraid of the dog. It won't hurt / It isn't hurting you.

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

- 1 Can you wait for me? I won't be long.
- 2 Don't ask Amanda for advice. She _____ know what to do.
- 3 I'm glad you're coming to see us next week. It _____ be good to see you 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.

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

it / be	she / come	you / get	you / like
people / live	it / look	we / meet	-you / -pass-

- 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 Daniel sometime. I think _____ him.
- 4 It's raining. Don't go out. _____ wet.
- 5 Do you think _____ longer in the future?
- 6 Bye! I'm sure _____ again before long.
- 7 I've invited Anna to the party, but I don't think _____.
- 8 It takes me an hour to get to work at the moment, but when the new road is finished, _____ much quicker.

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

be back	cost	end	get married	happen	-like-	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 _____ ?

22.5 Where do you think you will be at these times? Write true sentences about yourself. Use:
I'll be ... or I'll probably be ... or I don't know where I'll be

- 1 (next Monday evening at 7.45) I'll be at home.
or I'll probably be at home.
or I don't know where I'll be.
- 2 (at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning) _____
- 3 (at 10.30 tomorrow morning) _____
- 4 (next Saturday afternoon at 4.15) _____
- 5 (this time next year) _____