39 Making predictions

You can use the verb "will" to talk about future events in English. This form of the future tense has a slightly different meaning from futures using "going to."

⚙ **New language** The future with "will"
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🧩 **New skill** Saying what you think will happen

39.1 KEY LANGUAGE THE FUTURE WITH "WILL"

Use "will" to say what you think will happen in the future when you don't have firm evidence for your prediction.

That new movie is great. They will love it.

You think the other people will love the movie, but you don't have firm evidence.

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39.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES THE FUTURE WITH "WILL"

Jane will like the new house. It's really nice.

It'll rain every day this summer.

You can also say "he'll not," but "won't" is more common in US English.

In negative sentences, "not" goes between "will" and the base form of the verb.

We will not get home before midnight.

He won't be late for work again this year.

In spoken English, you normally use the contracted form of "will."

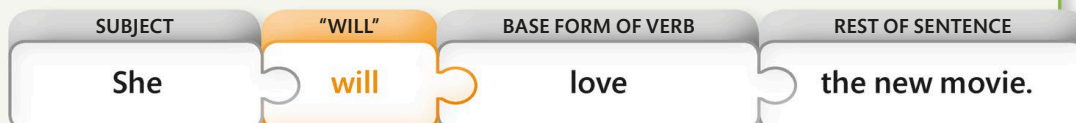**They'll enjoy their holiday in Venice.**

She'll be really angry when she finds out.

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39.3 HOW TO FORM THE FUTURE WITH "WILL"

"Will" is a modal verb, so its form doesn't change with the subject.

SUBJECT	"WILL"	BASE FORM OF VERB	REST OF SENTENCE
She	will	love	the new movie.

39.4 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE FUTURE WITH "WILL" OR "WILL NOT"

You _____ *will love* _____ (love) my new sweater.

1 John _____ (not eat) pizza.

2 Maria _____ (enjoy) the new dance class.

3 Susie and Bella _____ (be) early for work this week.

4 The children _____ (not understand) this information.

39.5 READ THE NOTE AND REWRITE THE HIGHLIGHTED PHRASES USING PRONOUNS AND CONTRACTED "WILL" WITH FUTURE VERBS

He'll buy pizzas.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Hi Jim,
What do you want us to bring to movie night? Ben will buy pizzas because he always does. John will bring chocolates and Mary will make a salad. As usual, David won't bring anything. I will bring drinks, and Lillian and Jo will buy cheese.
Is that OK?
Sandy

39.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MATCH THE QUESTIONS TO THE CORRECT ANSWERS

Who will clean the house?

1 Who will find the party music?

2 Who will bring the party games?

3 Who will bake a birthday cake?

4 Who will cook the food?

Jenny's brother will do it.

Jenny's mother will do it.

Jenny's sister will do it.

Sam will do it.

Marsha will do it.

39.7 KEY LANGUAGE "THINK" WITH "WILL"

If you're not sure about something, you can begin a sentence with "I think." This shows you are giving your opinion.

You're not certain.

"That" is not essential to the sentence, and it's often left out.

We think that he'll like the play.

39.8 HOW TO FORM "THINK" WITH "WILL"

SUBJECT	"THINK"	"THAT"	SUBJECT + "WILL"	VERB	REST OF SENTENCE
We	think	that	he'll	like	the play.

"That" is often left out.

39.9 FURTHER EXAMPLES SENTENCES WITH "THINK" AND "WILL"

I think that we'll have enough food for the party.

He thinks it'll be a great show tonight.

It's cold outside, but we don't think it'll snow today.

To make the sentence negative, add "do not" or "don't" before "think."

She doesn't think she'll get that job at the bank.

39.10 MATCH THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT PREDICTIONS

Max cooks great meals at home.

I think she'll pass her exams.

1. Diana works very hard.

I don't think she'll be in the musical.

2. Chiara loves traveling.

I think he'll become a fantastic chef.

3. Carl failed his driver's test again.

I think she'll enjoy visiting Rome.

4. Georgia can't sing very well.

I don't think he'll ever pass it.

39.11 KEY LANGUAGE "GOING TO" AND "WILL"

Use "going to" when you have evidence for a prediction. Use "will" when a prediction is an opinion without evidence.

You are predicting this, but you don't have firm evidence.

I think Number 5 will win.

Look, Number 5 is going to win.

You are predicting this based on firm evidence.

39.12 LOOK AT THE PICTURES, THEN SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS USING THE PHRASES IN THE PANEL
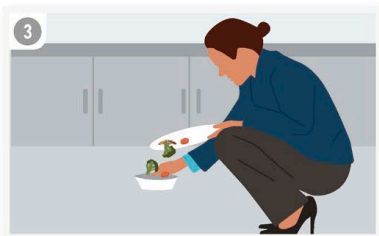
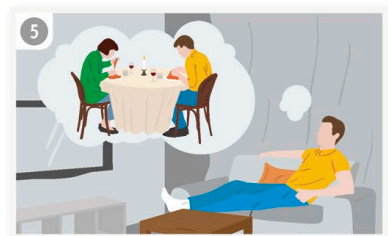Lily is going to ___*jump*___ the fence.

1 Bob is going to _____ all his dinner.

2 It is going to _____ this afternoon.

3 The dog will _____ these leftovers.

4 The car is going to _____ left.

5 John thinks he will _____ tonight.

| eat | ~~jump~~ | turn | go out | eat | snow |

39 ✓ CHECKLIST

⚙ The future with "will" ☐   **Aa** Prediction words ☐   🧩 Saying what you think will happen ☐