40 Making quick decisions

You can use "will" to talk about the future in two ways: when you make a prediction without evidence, and when you make a quick decision to do something.

⚙ **New language** Quick decisions with "will"
Aa Vocabulary Decision words
🧩 **New skill** Talking about future actions

40.1 KEY LANGUAGE QUICK DECISIONS WITH "WILL"

If you suddenly decide to do something while you're speaking, use "will" to say what you're going to do.

Oh, it's raining!
I'll take my umbrella.

"Will" shows you have just made the decision.

40.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUICK DECISIONS WITH "WILL"

Contracted form of "will not."

It's midnight, so I won't walk home through the park.

This apple is delicious. I'll have another one.

40.3 KEY LANGUAGE "SO / IN THAT CASE"

Use "so" or the expression "in that case" to link a situation and the decision you make as a result of that situation.

SITUATION   DECISION

There's no juice, so I'll have water.

SITUATION   DECISION

The car won't start. In that case we'll walk.

SITUATION   DECISION

40.4 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

There's no bread, → so I'll go to the supermarket.

1. It's my birthday, — so I won't go in the water.
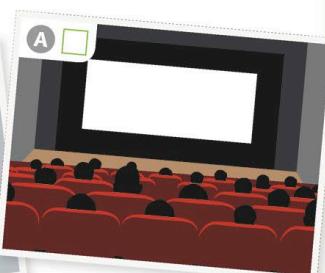2. I forgot my swimming trunks, — so I won't go shopping.
3. I don't have any money, — so I'll get the bus.
4. I can't find my train ticket, — so I'll cut the cake.

40.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED

A ☐
B ☐
C 1
D ☐
E ☐

40.6 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

Wow! It's really sunny outside.

In that case I'll ___wear___ a hat.

1. Oh dear. There are no trains today.

   In that case we'll _____ by bus.

2. There isn't any coffee in the kitchen.

   In that case I'll _____ tea.

3. Oh no! The restaurant is closed.

   In that case we'll _____ at home.

4. There's nothing good on TV tonight.

   In that case I'll _____ music.

listen to   ~~wear~~   go   have   eat

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40.7 KEY LANGUAGE "THINK" WITH "WILL"

You can use "think" with "will" to show that your decision is something you are considering.

I'm tired. I **think** I'll go to bed.

You are deciding now.
You're not completely sure.

40.8 FURTHER EXAMPLES "THINK" WITH "WILL"

There are lots of options on the menu. I **think we'll** have the fish.

There are lots of bands to see, but I **think** I'll watch the rock band.

This movie is terrible. I **think** I'll leave before the end.

It's getting really hot outside. I **think** I'll put my shorts on.

40.9 READ THE TEXT MESSAGES AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Two friends will buy her flowers.
True ☐ **False** ☑

1. One friend will take her to a restaurant.
True ☐ **False** ☐

2. One friend will have a party for her.
True ☐ **False** ☐

3. One friend will get her ballet tickets.
True ☐ **False** ☐

4. Two friends will take her shopping.
True ☐ **False** ☐

5. One friend will make her a birthday cake.
True ☐ **False** ☐

6. One friend will buy her a DVD.
True ☐ **False** ☐

Jo

> It's Jeanie's birthday this weekend. Do you know what we can do for her, Sally?

Sure, Jo. I think I'll get her some flowers and a DVD.

> Great. I think I'll take her shopping and buy her some clothes. What will James do?

James will have a party for her at his house on Tuesday.

> Perfect. John will cook the food and bake her a cake.

Oh, and I think Jemima will buy Jeanie some movie tickets and take her shopping.

40.10 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS USING THE PHRASES IN THE PANEL

The TV is broken. What will you do tonight?

I think I'll _read a book_ .

1 There's no juice. What do you want to drink?

I think I'll _____ .

2 What time are you leaving work?

I think I'll _____ .

3 Jo is busy, so who will you play tennis with?

I think I'll _____ .

4 Which TV show do you want to see?

I think I'll _____ .

5 Where do you want to go now?

I think I'll _____ .

play with Cassie   have milk   read a book   leave at 6:30pm   go home   watch the news

40 ✓ CHECKLIST

⚙ Quick decisions with "will" ☐   **Aa** Decision words ☐   🧩 Talking about future actions ☐

🔄 REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 35–40

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	☑	UNIT
FUTURE TENSE WITH PRESENT CONTINUOUS	At the moment, Dave is working, but tomorrow he is playing golf.	☐	35.1, 35.3, 35.6
"GOING TO" FOR FUTURE PLANS	I'm going to buy a new car. We are going to exercise tonight.	☐	36.1, 36.6
FUTURE TENSE WITH "GOING TO"	Look at those clouds. It's going to rain soon.	☐	37.1, 37.2
FUTURE TENSE WITH "WILL"	That new movie is great. They will love it.	☐	39.1, 39.7, 39.11
QUICK DECISIONS WITH "WILL"	Oh, it's raining! I'll take my umbrella.	☐	40.1, 40.2, 40.7