

39 Predictions and promises

You can talk about future events in English using the verb "will." This construction has several meanings, which are all different from the future using "going to."

 **New language** Future tense with "will"

 **Aa Vocabulary** Weather

 **New skill** Making predictions and promises

39.1 KEY LANGUAGE THE FUTURE USING "WILL"

English uses "will" when talking about the future in four main ways:

To make a prediction about what you think will happen.



Wait a few minutes. I think it will stop raining soon.

This prediction is not based on evidence.

To offer to do something for someone.



You look frozen. I'll make you some hot soup.

To make a promise.



We'll be there by eight. Don't worry!

This decision was not planned in advance.

To describe a decision you've just made.



I know! I'll buy Aaron a surfboard for his birthday.



39.2 FILL IN THE GAPS WITH EITHER "WILL" OR "TO BE" WITH "GOING TO"

Zoe 's going to meet Hannah and Ketil in the park this afternoon by the fountain.

- 1 Have a rest, and I cook a warm stew for us to eat tonight.
- 2 I take the dog for a walk after it stops raining, I promise!
- 3 Amelia and Jill buy dresses tomorrow to wear to Tom's birthday party.
- 4 You be cold playing football today. It was snowing this morning!





39.3 MARK WHETHER EACH SENTENCE IS A PREDICTION, OFFER, PROMISE, OR DECISION



Don't worry, I'll make sure I get there in time for the start of your show.

Prediction

Offer

Promise

Decision



What a great idea! It's such a hot day. I'll have some ice cream, too.

Prediction

Offer

Promise

Decision



Make sure you take a coat, warm hat, and a scarf. It'll be cold tonight.

Prediction

Offer

Promise

Decision



It's started raining! I'll make sure I finish painting the fence when the weather is better.

Prediction

Offer

Promise

Decision



I'll look after your dog for you while you're on vacation. I'd be pleased to do it.

Prediction

Offer

Promise

Decision



39.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN FULL SENTENCES



Carla is talking to her sister Stacey on the phone about her plans for the evening.

What does Stacey think will happen with the traffic?

Stacey thinks the traffic will get very heavy.

1 What will Carla make to eat tonight?

2 What will Carla do after Kevin's guitar lesson?

3 Did Stacey accept Carla's offer to eat with Stacey and Kevin this evening?

4 When will Carla pick up Stacey?

39.5 KEY LANGUAGE ADVERBS WITH "WILL"

Add an adverb after "will" to show how likely you think the future action is to occur.

He'll probably go skiing when it snows.



They'll definitely go hiking if it's sunny.



It'll certainly be easier to run in this cool weather.



39.6 KEY LANGUAGE VERBS THAT MODIFY THE FUTURE WITH "WILL"

Like the future with "going to," the future with "will" is often used to say what someone thinks or knows about the future.

Shows the "will" phrase is unlikely.

Hamid doubts the storm **will** be dangerous.



Claire thinks it'll snow later on.



Sita hopes the rain **will** soon stop.



Jo knows it'll be difficult to surf because of the wind.



Shows the "will" phrase is certain.



39.7 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

I **know** / **definitely** we'll go to the festival tomorrow, whether it's sunny or not.

- 1 I'll **doubt** / **definitely** be at the airport by 7pm so I have enough time to catch the plane.
- 2 You'll **certainly** / **hope** look handsome in your new suit. It's a really nice color and cut.
- 3 I **know** / **doubt** you'll win the race because you've not been training very hard.
- 4 I **hope** / **definitely** I'll pass my geography exam tomorrow. I'm very nervous about it.





39.8 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

GREENWAY SPORTS FACILITIES

A Strategy for the Future

Following last year's extreme weather, we will need to make Greenway more accessible whatever the weather conditions are outside.

SHORT TERM

Adding to the existing outdoor tennis facilities, the new indoor tennis court will be finished this spring. This will offer a great alternative to the outdoor courts for rainy days.



LONG TERM

We need stands next to our outdoor sport fields suitable for all weather. Also, plans for a heated swimming pool are under way. We will introduce a reduced entry fee in the colder, darker months, as promised at the last meeting.

The weather was not unusual last year.

True False

1 The facilities will be made suitable for all weather.

True False

2 An outdoor tennis court is being built.

True False

3 The indoor tennis court will be good for rainy days.

True False

4 A heated swimming pool is part of the long-term plans.

True False

5 Pool entry will cost more in winter.

True False



39.9 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MATCH THE MODIFYING ADVERBS TO THE ACTIVITIES YOU HEAR



probably

think

know

certainly

hope

39 ✓ CHECKLIST

⚙ Future tense with "will"

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