

Future Tenses

Contrasting "will" and "going to".

Predicting Weather



In 4 days, the weather man said it_____ sunny and clear outside.

Will/ is going to + be.

Predicting the Weather.

In 2 days I think it
_____ rain.

Will / is going to.



Predicting the weather



Next week, there is a possibility it_____ snow.

will/is going to.

Open Ended Question

Scenario: Your best friend and you have 3 weeks off and want to plan a vacation. Since it hasn't happened yet you must use "will", or "going to" to describe the events you want to plan for the trip. Where will you go? What will you see? Can you develop a list of predictions/ possibilities using will or going to? Example: My friend and I will visit the Amazon Rainforest. Maybe we are going to have an encounter with exotic wild life. Try to be creative as possible, and good luck.

Will: Simple Future

Will in the simple future tense is often paired with expressions of what will happen to an object such as yourself or others in the form of:

I: "I will go to the party tonight".

You: "You will have to come back tomorrow".

He: "He will visit here next week".

She: "She will enjoy her new career".

It: "It will have to wait until Friday".

Negative Form

The negative form of "will" is "will not". It can also be contracted to "won't".

Ex: I will not/won't be able to attend tomorrow.

Will is a strong indication of intention.

Ex: I will make it up to you in the future.

It can be softened using adverbs.

Ex: I probably will make it to the event in 3 days.

Second person, You

Order and Instruction giving:

Ex: Will you please take the garbage outside?

Predictions:

Ex: I think you will be very successful in future endeavours.

Willingness to do something:

Ex: He will start working out in a few days.

Invitations:

Ex: Will you come to the show with me tonight?

The Third Person

Using will in the 3rd person (He, She, It, They) has 4 main uses:

Predictions(Both Present and Future):

Ex: They will live a happy life together.

Willingness:

Ex: She said she will go visit her brother on the weekend.

Interests in others activities:

Ex: Will you be playing in the game tonight as well?

Present Continuous

Mainly used to make questions about information.

Ex: Will you still be around when I come back later?

Ongoing (happening now and seeing if it will continue)

Ex: Will it still be snowing in the evening?

Also in describing ourselves as being in the future and predicting what will happen.

Ex: I will have been working here for 25 years in May.

"Going To"

Often very inter-changeable with "will".

Is considered informal and spoken.

Leaves some room for indefiniteness.

Ex: I'm going to try out that new restaurant near here. (Very slight difference in urgency)

Ex: I'm thinking about going to Italy sometime.

Notice: No set time.

Group Activity

Use "will" and "going to" in setting goals of an ongoing, medium and long-term plan for success in break out rooms. Please write it down and we will come back and discuss as a group what you have discussed and planned.

Have Fun! See you soon!

Give examples of Will and Going to into the various tenses.



Ex. She will take her dog for a walk later. Ex. They are going to go to the store after work.

Collaborate Board

Give examples of Will and Going to into the various tenses.