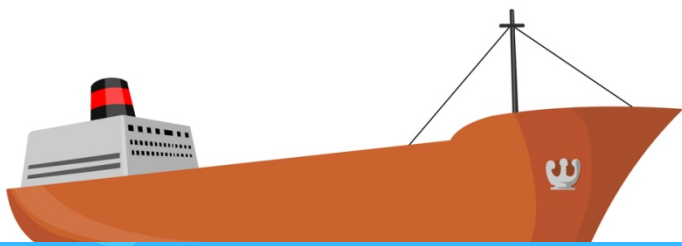


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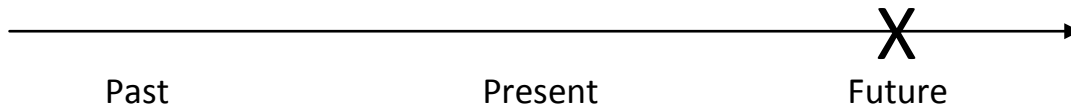
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Simple Future

The simple future is a form of the verb that shows the action will take place in the future.



There are two ways you can make the simple future: using “**will**” or “**be going to**.”

Examples:

- They **will** win the game.
- They **are going to** win the game.

Usage

1) You can use both “will” and “be going to” to say what is **expected** to happen in the future.

Examples:

- I **will** see Ben next week.
- I **am going to** see Ben next week.
- It **will** rain tomorrow.
- It **is going to** rain tomorrow.
- I think she **will** faint.
- I think she **is going to** faint.
- I think it **will** be a very interesting trip.
- I think it **is going to** be a very interesting trip.
- If you continue like this, you **will** be tired.
- If you continue like this, you **are going to** be tired.

2) Use “will” when you **intend** or are **willing** to do something. In other words, you want to do it, or you have no problem with doing it.

- I **will** get you your coat.
- Yes, I **will** marry you.
- Mr. Smith **will** see you now.
- She **will** not open the door to anyone.
- Next time I **will** win the game.

3) Use “be going to” when something is **planned**. In other words, it was decided or determined before the time of speaking or writing.

- I **am going to** meet Dan tonight.
- We **are going to** buy a car next week.
- They **are going to** paint the house tomorrow.
- James **is going to** tell her the truth.
- She **is going to** stop smoking.
- Jane **is going to** swim later.
- I **am going to** eat that apple.

Examples of typical time expressions:

- tomorrow
- next week
- soon
- later
- in the future

Exercise 1

A) Answer the following questions in your native language.

1. Write a few things that are expected to happen in the future. For example, where do you think you will work five years from now? Where will you live?

2. Write a few things that you intend to do in the future, for example in the next 24 hours.

3. Write a few plans and arrangements you have for the future. What are you going to do?

When you want to talk about these sorts of things in English, you can use the simple future form of the verb.

Simple Future Rules

Will

Positive Sentences

Who?	Form of verb	Examples
I/He/She/It You/We/They	will + verb	You will help them. He will eat lunch.

Negative Sentences

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I/You/We/They He/She/It	will not	verb	You will not help them. He will not eat lunch.

Question Sentences

Will	Who?	Form of verb	Examples
Will	I/He/She/It You/We/They	verb	Will you help them? Will he eat lunch?

Exercise 2

A) Fill in the correct form of the verb in the simple future tense.

1. They _____ (have) a big wedding.
2. She _____ (wear) a white dress.
3. We _____ (invite) everyone.
4. The weather _____ (be) great.
5. It _____ (rain) next week.

B) Fill in the correct form of the verb in the simple future tense.

1. There _____ (be) clouds in the sky.
2. We _____ (see) some animals.
3. My mom _____ (drive) fast.
4. You _____ (fill) the gas tank.
5. I _____ (fly) to New York next month.

C) Turn these sentences into negative sentences and questions.

1. It will be fun.

Negative:

Question:

2. They will eat peanuts.

Negative:

Question:

3. You will be busy.

Negative:

Question:

4. Sharon will take the bus.

Negative:

Question:

5. Bob will write the book.

Negative:

Question:

6. Alice will visit us.

Negative:

Question:

Simple Future, Story 1

Before Reading

A) Look at the title of the story and the picture. What do you think this story is about?

B) Match the words in column A to the words in column B. (There can be more than one correct answer.)

Column A

sat
imagined
walk down
upcoming
wear a
look
take his
hire
serve
invite

Column B

wedding
tall
alone
diamond necklace
lobster and sushi
a cook
everyone
breath away
happily
the church

Column A	Column B
wear	food
professional	cake
how much	second thought
lots of	diamond earrings
their	and cousins
aunts and uncles	makeup
small	it will cost
on	drinks
tall	wedding
tasty	kids

Column A	Column B
big	priest
diamond	behind me
pretty	much
high-heeled	wedding
drag along	hall
nice	dress
good	earrings
how	reception
beautiful	shoes
white	windows

C) After these exercises, what do you think this story is about?

Simple Future, Story 1

Ann's Wedding Plans



Ann sat alone by her desk and happily imagined her upcoming wedding.

She thought, "I will have a big wedding! I will wear a beautiful, white dress. I will walk down the center of the church and the dress will drag along behind me!

"I will wear a diamond necklace and diamond earrings. I will wear high-heeled shoes that will make me look tall! I will have professional makeup. I will look so beautiful, it will take my new husband's breath away! Hmm ... how much will all of this cost?

"I will have my wedding in a big church, with pretty windows and a nice priest. Hmm ... how much will a church like that cost?

"We will have a big reception in a big hall. We will hire a cook. The food will be very tasty. We will serve lobster and sushi, with lots of drinks! We will have a very tall cake. Hmm ... how much will a reception like that cost?

"We will invite everyone we know. We will invite all of our friends from home and all of our friends from college. We will invite everyone from work and everyone from church! We will invite all of our aunts and uncles and cousins. We will invite all of their kids! Hmm ... how much will that many people eat?"

Suddenly, Ann thought, "On second thought, I think we will have a small wedding!"

Simple Future, Story 1

After Reading

Grammar—Correct Form of the Verb

A) This is a copy of the original story. Go over it and fill in the blanks with the right form of every verb.

Ann sat alone by her desk and happily imagined her upcoming wedding.

She thought, “I _____ (have) a big wedding! I _____ (wear) a beautiful, white dress. I _____ (walk) down the center of the church and the dress _____ (drag) along behind me!

“I _____ (wear) a diamond necklace and diamond earrings. I _____ (wear) high-heeled shoes that _____ (make) me look tall! I _____ (have) professional makeup. I _____ (look) so beautiful, it _____ (take) my new husband’s breath away! Hmm ... how much _____ all of this cost?

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_____ (invite) all of our aunts and uncles and cousins. We
_____ (invite) all of their kids! Hmm ... how much _____
that many people eat?"

Suddenly, Ann thought, "On second thought, I think we _____
(have) a small wedding!"

Vocabulary—Find the Right Word

B) Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

desk	diamond	priest	hall	college
necklace	earrings	reception	cook	cake

1. You can wear it around the neck. What is it? _____
2. It is a very large place for meetings and meals. What is it? _____
3. He makes food. What is it? _____
4. It is a beautiful and expensive stone. What is it? _____
5. You can write on it. What is it? _____
6. You can put them on your ears. What are they? _____
7. People study there after they finish high school. What is it? _____
8. It is sweet and baked. What is it? _____
9. It is the party after the wedding ceremony. What is it? _____
10. This person can marry people. Who is he? _____

Grammar—Sentence Structure

C) The following sentences are all mixed up. Put the words on each line in the correct order to make a logical sentence.

1. big I wedding have will a!

2. wear I high-heeled make shoes that tall will me look will!

3. cost Hmm ... all this how will of much?

Grammar—Questions, Negative Sentences, and Positive Sentences

D) Turn the following sentences into questions.

1. I will look beautiful.

2. We will hire a cook.

3. We will invite all of their kids.

E) Turn the following sentences into negative sentences.

1. The food will be very tasty.

2. We will have a very tall cake.

3. We will have a big reception.

F) Turn the following sentences into positive sentences.

1. Will Ann have a big wedding?

2. Ann will not wear a white dress.

3. Ann will not be tall.

Comprehension

G) Answer the following questions.

1. What kind of dress will Ann wear?

2. Where will she have the wedding?

3. Who will she invite?

4. Will she have a big wedding?

Essay Writing

H) Answer the following questions. Write a short essay for each.

1. Let's say you are about to have your wedding. How will it be?

2. Will you spend a lot of money on it? Why?

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