

Will

Introduction



I'll have the businessman's lunch please.

Definition

'Will' is one of the ways to talk about the future.

Construction

Affirmative: subject + will + verb

I will have

Negative: subject + will + not + verb

I will not have

Interrogative: Will + subject + verb

Will I have?

The contracted form

The affirmative and negative forms of 'will' are normally contracted in spoken English.

Affirmative:

Full form

I will

Contracted form

I'll

You will	You'll
He will	He'll
She will	She'll
It will	It'll
We will	We'll
They will	They'll

Negative:

The negative form has two contractions. The contraction with 'won't' is more common.

Full form	Contracted form 1	Contracted form 2
I will not	I'll not	I won't
You will not	You'll not	You won't
He will not	He'll not	He won't
She will not	She'll not	She won't
It will not	It'll not	It won't
We will not	We'll not	We won't
They will not	They'll not	They won't

In formal writing, use the full form.

In conversations or informal writing, use the contracted form.

In affirmative questions and short answers always use the full form.

Will you help me? Yes, I will. 

Will you help me? Yes I'll. 

Uses

Spontaneous decisions	(The phone rings) I'll answer the phone. Who'll take the minutes? - I'll do it. How does this work? - I'll show you. Are you ready to order? - Yes I'll have the steak please.
Predictions	Hurry up or you'll be late. In 10 years we'll all have electric cars. What will the world be like in the future?
As an alternative to going to for intentions in a formal situation	On our tour today, I'll show you the design centre and later we'll visit the plant.

Examples



You **will** meet a tall, dark, handsome stranger.



Sign here. I promise you **won't** regret it.



I think I'll be late for the meeting. My train is delayed.



We'll be friends forever.



It's lovely today, but we'll have rain tomorrow.



Don't worry, I'll fix it for you.



My presentation **will** be in two parts. First, I'll tell you about our sales targets and then we'll discuss marketing.



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