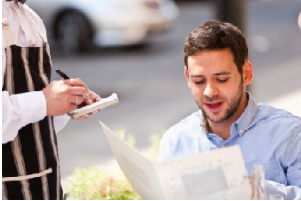


# Will

## 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**  
He **will**  
She **will**  
It **will**  
We **will**  
They **will**

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

## Negative:

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

### Full form

I **will** not  
You **will** not  
He **will** not  
She **will** not  
It **will** not  
We **will** not  
They **will** not

### Contracted form 1

I'**ll** not  
You'**ll** not  
He'**ll** not  
She'**ll** not  
It'**ll** not  
We'**ll** not  
They'**ll** not

### Contracted form 2

I **won't**  
You **won't**  
He **won't**  
She **won't**  
It **won't**  
We **won't**  
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

Uses	Examples
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<b>Spontaneous decisions</b>	<p>(The phone rings) I'll answer the phone.</p> <p>Who'll take the minutes? - I'll do it.</p> <p>How does this work? - I'll show you.</p> <p>Are you ready to order? - Yes I'll have the steak please.</p>
<b>Uncertainty</b>	<p>I'll probably go shopping this afternoon.</p> <p>He thinks he'll arrive on Monday.</p> <p>It's possible that the room won't be ready when you get here.</p>
<b>Predictions</b>	<p>Hurry up or you'll be late.</p> <p>In 10 years we'll all have electric cars.</p> <p>What will the world be like in the future?</p>
<b>Asking people to do things</b>	<p>Will you call the station and book the tickets?</p> <p>Will someone help Susan with the budget?</p> <p>Who'll write the report for the meeting?</p>
<b>Offers and promises</b>	<p>I'll drive to the restaurant if you like.</p> <p>We'll babysit this evening if you want to go out.</p> <p>See you at the party. I'll bring a cake.</p> <p>I'll deliver the message tomorrow.</p> <p>I won't forget to phone him.</p>
<b>As an alternative to going to for intentions in a formal situation</b>	<p>On our tour today, I'll show you the design centre and later we'll visit the plant.</p>

## Examples



**Will** you come this way please?



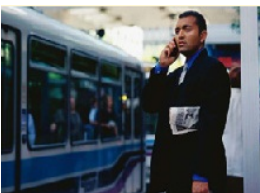
You **will** meet a tall, dark, handsome stranger.



**Will** you marry me? Yes I **will**!



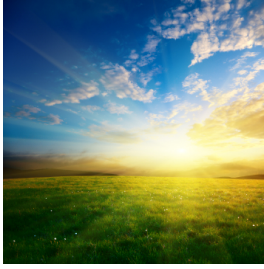
Sign here. I promise you **won't** regret it.



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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