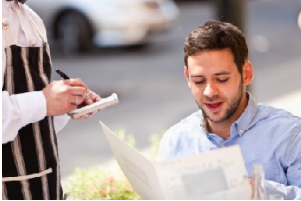


Will

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

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| 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

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| 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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