

A2 TEENS · GRAMMAR · LESSON 09

I'll be there in 5 minutes.

A message. A promise. A decision made **right now**. Whenever we talk about the future, we reach for one little word: **will**.

🕒 45 min · ✓ CEFR A2 · ♦ Future with will · ♦ will + base verb

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WARM-UP

Think ahead...

What will happen?

Before we start, make quick predictions:

- 01 Do you think it *will* rain tomorrow in your city?
- 02 What *will* your best friend do this weekend?
- 03 If you're ever late, what *will* you text your friend?
- 04 Do you think robots *will* teach in schools in 20 years?

II

GRAMMAR FOCUS

Will – the tense of "right now" decisions

Form – will + base verb

One magic word for any subject. No –s, no change. Just **will** + the verb in its simplest form.

POSITIVE FORM

subject + **will** + **base verb**

CONTRACTIONS YOU WILL HEAR EVERYWHERE

I will → I'll	you will → you'll	he will → he'll	she will → she'll
we will → we'll	they will → they'll	will not → won't	

Four uses of will

We use **will** for predictions, promises, instant decisions, and offers.

PREDICTION

What you think will happen

A guess about the future — no plan, just your opinion.

*I think our team **will win** the match tomorrow.*

PROMISE

Giving your word to someone

A commitment you make to another person, now.

*Don't worry — I **won't tell** anyone.*

INSTANT DECISION

Deciding at the moment of speaking

You decide *right now*, not before the conversation.

*The phone's ringing. I **'ll get** it!*

OFFER / HELP

Offering to do something for someone

You volunteer to help, carry, pay, call, etc.

*That bag looks heavy — I **'ll carry** it for you.*

Negatives & questions

Negative

WILL + NOT (WON'T) + V

I **won't be** late, I promise.

She **will not come** to the party.

They **won't understand** the joke.

Question

(WH-) + WILL + SUBJECT + V ?

Will you help me with my homework?

What **will we have** for dinner?

Will it rain tomorrow?



KEY VOCABULARY

Words that live with will

WORD / PHRASE	MEANING	EXAMPLE WITH WILL
promise verb	to say you will definitely do something	<i>I promise I'll call you tonight.</i>
predict verb	to say what you think will happen	<i>They predict it will snow next week.</i>
probably adverb	most likely, very possibly	<i>She'll probably be there by 7.</i>
definitely adverb	for sure, 100% certain	<i>We'll definitely win this game!</i>
maybe adverb	perhaps, possibly	<i>Maybe I'll visit you tomorrow.</i>
I think phrase	in my opinion	<i>I think he'll pass the test.</i>
tomorrow time	the day after today	<i>I'll see you tomorrow morning.</i>
next week time	the week after this one	<i>We'll start the project next week.</i>
in five minutes time	after five minutes from now	<i>I'll be there in five minutes!</i>
one day time	at some unknown future point	<i>One day I'll travel the world.</i>



READING

Four messages from different futures

FUTURE DISPATCH · ISSUE 09

"I'll be there..."

Promises, predictions and "right now" decisions

Before a future happens, we have to say it. And most of the time, we say it with one word: **will**. Here are four conversations from four ordinary moments — each full of that little word doing big jobs.

MAYA → DAD 16:42 · Tuesday

DECISION Hi Dad! Football practice finished early. I **'ll take** the 5:15 bus.

Great! Do you have money for the bus?

PROMISE Yes! I **won't forget** to buy bread on the way home :)

PREDICTION Thanks! Mum **will be** delighted. She'll probably **cook** pasta tonight.

PROMISE I **'ll be** home in 20 minutes!

DIEGO → FRIENDS 20:09 · Friday

Guys, who's coming to the cinema tomorrow?

DECISION I 'll **come!** What time?

OFFER 7pm. I 'll **buy** popcorn for everyone!

OFFER Amazing! I 'll **save** seats.

PREDICTION This **will be** the best Friday ever.

PROMISE And we **won't be** late this time!

AMIR → LINA 23:18 · Sunday

I'm nervous about the English test tomorrow.

PROMISE Don't worry! I 'll **help** you now.

OFFER I 'll **explain** the grammar. Call me in 2 min?

Thank you! You're the best.

PREDICTION You 'll **do** great! You'll probably **get** an A.

NIA → NOTEBOOK *Year 2050 · A wild guess*

MY PREDICTIONS FOR 2050:

- We **will live** on Mars — well, some of us.
- Cars **will fly**, but only in rich cities.
- School **won't end** at 15 — it **'ll be** fully online.
- Robots **will cook** dinner every day.
- English **will still be** the most popular second language.
- And I **'ll be** 40 years old — scary!

Editor's note: See how PREDICTION, PROMISE, DECISION, and OFFER all use the same structure: **will + base verb**. One word, four jobs.

V

PRACTICE

Complete the sentences

★ Choose the correct form. Hints: PRED = prediction, PROM = promise, DEC = instant decision, OFF = offer/help, NEG/Q = negative or question.

- 1 I think our team _____ the match tomorrow. [PRED]
 wins will win is winning
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- 2 Don't worry, Mum. I _____ anyone your secret. [PROM]
 don't tell won't tell am not telling
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- 3 Phone rings — Oh, I _____ that! [DEC]
 'm getting get 'll get
-
- 4 That box looks heavy. I _____ you with it. [OFF]
 help 'll help am helping
-
- 5 From the reading: Maya texted her dad that she _____ the 5:15 bus. [DEC]
 is taking will take took
-
- 6 "What _____ you _____ after school today?" [Q]
 do / do will / do are / do
-
- 7 Nia predicts that in 2050, cars _____ in rich cities. [PRED]
 fly flew will fly
-
- 8 "I'm tired." "Sit down — I _____ tea for you." [OFF]
 make am making 'll make

VI

SPEAKING

Promises, predictions, and a little help

Partner interview

Ask your partner these questions. Use **I think**, **probably**, **definitely**, and **maybe** in your answers. All answers must use **will** or **won't**.

- ▶ What will you do this weekend?
- ▶ Do you think robots will replace teachers one day?
- ▶ Make me a promise. Something you won't forget.
- ▶ What will the weather be like tomorrow? Make a prediction.
- ▶ Offer to help me with something small. "I'll..."

EXAMPLE CONVERSATION

A: What will you do this weekend?

B: I think I'll probably go to my grandma's house. She'll definitely cook something amazing.

A: Nice! Will you study at all?

B: Maybe on Sunday evening. I won't study too much, though!

A: Make me a promise — no phone at dinner this weekend.

B: Ha! Okay, I promise I won't touch my phone at dinner.

VII

WRITING

A letter to your future self

A letter to your future self (80-100 words)

Write a short letter to yourself 10 years from now. What **will** you be doing? What **won't** you do? Make 3 predictions and 2 promises.

- at least 5 sentences with *will* or *won't*
- at least 3 predictions (use *probably*, *definitely*, or *I think*)
- at least 2 promises ("I promise I'll...")
- use a time expression (next year, one day, in 10 years)

Blank writing area with horizontal lines and a vertical margin line on the left.



QUIZ

Check your understanding

Circle the correct answer. Check your answers at the end.

1. Choose the correct form: 'I think it _____ tomorrow.'

- A. rains
- B. is raining
- C. will rain
- D. rained

2. Which sentence is a PROMISE?

- A. I'll probably go to the cinema.
- B. I won't tell anyone your secret.
- C. The phone's ringing - I'll get it!
- D. That bag looks heavy, I'll help.

3. Choose the INSTANT DECISION: 'Oh, the doorbell! I _____.'

- A. go
- B. am going
- C. 'll go
- D. went

4. 'Will not' contracts to:

- A. willn't
- B. won't
- C. wan't
- D. will'nt

5. Choose the OFFER: Your friend is carrying a big bag.

- A. You carry heavy things.
- B. You're carrying that bag.
- C. I'll carry it for you.
- D. I carried it yesterday.

6. Which question form is CORRECT?

- A. Will you be home for dinner?
- B. Do you will be home for dinner?
- C. Are you will be home for dinner?

D. You will be home for dinner?

7. From the reading: Nia predicts that in 2050, school _____ at 15.

- A. won't end
- B. doesn't end
- C. isn't ending
- D. didn't end

8. Which sentence uses will INCORRECTLY?

- A. I will call you tomorrow.
- B. She'll definitely win the prize.
- C. We will to visit Paris next year.
- D. They won't believe this story.

ANSWER KEY

Fill in the blanks:

1. will win · 2. won't tell · 3. 'll get · 4. 'll help
5. will take · 6. will / do · 7. will fly · 8. 'll make

Quiz:

1. C · 2. B · 3. C · 4. B · 5. C · 6. A · 7. A · 8. C

Lesson complete! Next lesson: Future with going to — plans and intentions