

Future Simple - Structure

How do we make the future simple tense in English?

Note: This is also called the **simple future** tense or the **future with will**.

Positive form

subject + **will** + base form

Full form	Short form
I will play	I'll play
you will play	you'll play
he will play	he'll play
she will play	she'll play
it will play	it'll play
we will play	we'll play
they will play	they'll play

For example:

- I **will send** you the report today.
- He'll **be** happy when he hears the news.
- We'll never **forget** her kindness.

Some notes on short forms:

1. We usually contract **will** with personal pronouns in speaking and informal writing: I'll, you'll, he'll, etc.
2. We usually contract **will** with the words **there, that, this, those** and **these** in speaking, and sometimes in informal writing: there'll, that'll, etc.
3. We often contract **will** with nouns and other words in speaking, but not in writing, so, for example, we do **not** usually write: John'll, the dog'll, nobody'll, etc.

Negative form

Put **not** after **will**.

Full form	Short forms	
I will not play	I won't play	*I'll not play
you will not play	you won't play	you'll not play
he will not play	he won't play	he'll not play
she will not play	she won't play	she'll not play
it will not play	it won't play	it'll not play
we will not play	we won't play	we'll not play
they will not play	they won't play	they'll not play

*The structure in the third column is sometimes used in British English, but it is rarely used in other varieties of English. When used in other varieties, it sounds quite formal.

For example:

- I **won't finish** my homework tonight.
- He **will not apologise*** to his brother.
- Amy **won't like** that hat. (she won't like)
- The computer **won't start**. (it won't start)
- We'll **not tell** them your secret.

*US: apologize

Question forms

Invert the subject and **will**, and then put a question word (**what, who**, etc.) at the beginning for wh- questions.

Yes/No questions	
	Will I play?
	Will you play?
	Will he play?
	Will she play?
	Will it play?
	Will we play?
	Will they play?

Wh- questions	
What Who Where When Why How etc.	will I play?
	will you play?
	will he play?
	will she play?
	will it play?
	will we play?
	will they play?

For example:

- Will I **see** you tomorrow?
- Will you **clean** the bathroom?
- Will Maria **be** there? (will she be)
- What **will** you **do** if you miss the train?
- How long **will** we **need** the car?
- Where **will** they **live**?