

## Simple Future Tense (also called Future Simple): Will – Be Going To

### 1. Future actions or future states : **will** (not plans)

(The verbs are in **bold**)

Next week she **will be** five years old.



The drink **will chill** soon.



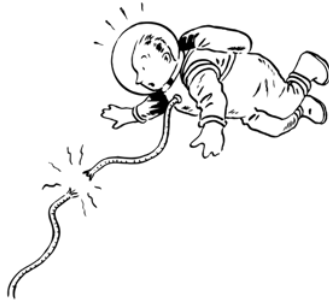
I hope they **will have** a happy family.



He **will probably hit** that ball.



He **will not survive** in space without air.



She **will not finish** soon.



### Promises or Intentions

I **will clean** my room later.



I **will win** this game!



Yes, I **will come!**



Sure, I **will help** you.



**Will you go out** with me?



He **will not do** it.



### Examples of Typical Time Expressions

- Tomorrow
- Next week
- Soon
- Later
- In the future

**Note:** we don't usually use "will" to talk about future plans.  
To talk about **future plans** we use **going to** or the Present Progressive.

**For example:**

- Tomorrow morning we are **going to** visit grandma, or
- Tomorrow morning we **are visiting** grandma.

### 2.Simple Future ( Plans ) : be-going to

## to be going to + base form of the verb

### Example:

is + going to + swim --> "She is going to swim later."

### For example:

- "I am going to visit my grandparents next week."
- "I'm not going to eat at that restaurant again. It was terrible!"

It is also used to talk about **Future Predictions** if they are based on **existing evidence**.

### For example:

- "Look at those black clouds. I think it is going to rain."



### Common mistakes

Besides using the wrong future form, students often make mistakes when making sentences using one of these forms.

#### The most common mistakes are:

- Forgetting **'am/is/are'** when using the 'going to' form.

**Incorrect:** "I going to visit them tomorrow."

**Correct:** "I am going to visit them tomorrow."

- Forgetting **'to'** when using the 'going to' form.

**Incorrect:** "She is going take that test again."

**Correct:** "She is going to take the test again."

- Using the **'-ing'** form of the verb instead of the base form with 'going to' or 'will.'

**Incorrect:** "He will winning the match."

**Incorrect:** "He is going to winning the match."

**Correct:** "He will win the match."

- **adding 'to'** when using 'will.'

**Incorrect:** "They will to be sorry."

**Correct:** "They will be sorry."