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Simple Future

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Simple Future

The simple future is a form of the verb that shows the action will take place in the future.

There are two ways you can make the simple future: using “will” or “be going to.”

Examples:

- They will win the game.
- They are going to win the game.

Usage

1) You can use both “will” and “be going to” to say what is expected to happen in the future.

Examples:

- I will see Ben next week.
- I am going to see Ben next week.
- It will rain tomorrow.
- It is going to rain tomorrow.
- I think she will faint.
- I think she is going to faint.
- I think it will be a very interesting trip.
- I think it is going to be a very interesting trip.
- If you continue like this, you will be tired.
- If you continue like this, you are going to be tired.
2) Use “will” when you intend or are willing to do something. In other words, you want to do it, or you have no problem with doing it.

- I will get you your coat.
- Yes, I will marry you.
- Mr. Smith will see you now.
- She will not open the door to anyone.
- Next time I will win the game.

3) Use “be going to” when something is planned. In other words, it was decided or determined before the time of speaking or writing.

- I am going to meet Dan tonight.
- We are going to buy a car next week.
- They are going to paint the house tomorrow.
- James is going to tell her the truth.
- She is going to stop smoking.
- Jane is going to swim later.
- I am going to eat that apple.

Examples of typical time expressions:

- tomorrow
- next week
- soon
- later
- in the future
Exercise 1

A) Answer the following questions in your native language.

1. Write a few things that are expected to happen in the future. For example, where do you think you will work five years from now? Where will you live?

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2. Write a few things that you intend to do in the future, for example in the next 24 hours.

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3. Write a few plans and arrangements you have for the future. What are you going to do?

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When you want to talk about these sorts of things in English, you can use the simple future form of the verb.
Simple Future Rules

Will

Positive Sentences

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Exercise 2

A) Fill in the correct form of the verb in the simple future tense.

1. They _________________ (have) a big wedding.

2. She _________________ (wear) a white dress.

3. We _________________ (invite) everyone.

4. The weather _________________ (be) great.

5. It _________________ (rain) next week.
B) Fill in the correct form of the verb in the simple future tense.

1. There _________________(be) clouds in the sky.

2. We _________________ (see) some animals.

3. My mom _________________ (drive) fast.

4. You _________________ (fill) the gas tank.

5. I _________________ (fly) to New York next month.

C) Turn these sentences into negative sentences and questions.

1. It will be fun.

   Negative: ____________________________________________________________________

   Question: ____________________________________________________________________

2. They will eat peanuts.

   Negative: ____________________________________________________________________

   Question: ____________________________________________________________________
3. You will be busy.
Negative: ____________________________________________

Question: ____________________________________________

4. Sharon will take the bus.
Negative: ____________________________________________

Question: ____________________________________________

5. Bob will write the book.
Negative: ____________________________________________

Question: ____________________________________________

6. Alice will visit us.
Negative: ____________________________________________

Question: ____________________________________________
**Simple Future, Story 1**

**Before Reading**

A) Look at the title of the story and the picture. What do you think this story is about?

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B) Match the words in column A to the words in column B. (There can be more than one correct answer.)

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C) After these exercises, what do you think this story is about?

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Simple Future, Story 1

Ann’s Wedding Plans

Ann sat alone by her desk and happily imagined her upcoming wedding.

She thought, “I will have a big wedding! I will wear a beautiful, white dress. I will walk down the center of the church and the dress will drag along behind me!

“I will wear a diamond necklace and diamond earrings. I will wear high-heeled shoes that will make me look tall! I will have professional makeup. I will look so beautiful, it will take my new husband’s breath away! Hmm ... how much will all of this cost?

“I will have my wedding in a big church, with pretty windows and a nice priest. Hmm ... how much will a church like that cost?

“We will have a big reception in a big hall. We will hire a cook. The food will be very tasty. We will serve lobster and sushi, with lots of drinks! We will have a very tall cake. Hmm ... how much will a reception like that cost?

“We will invite everyone we know. We will invite all of our friends from home and all of our friends from college. We will invite everyone from work and everyone from church! We will invite all of our aunts and uncles and cousins. We will invite all of their kids! Hmm ... how much will that many people eat?”

Suddenly, Ann thought, “On second thought, I think we will have a small wedding!”
Simple Future, Story 1

After Reading

Grammar—Correct Form of the Verb

A) This is a copy of the original story. Go over it and fill in the blanks with the right form of every verb.

Ann sat alone by her desk and happily imagined her upcoming wedding.

She thought, “I _______________ (have) a big wedding! I _______________ (wear) a beautiful, white dress. I _______________ (walk) down the center of the church and the dress _______________ (drag) along behind me!

“I _______________ (wear) a diamond necklace and diamond earrings. I _______________ (wear) high-heeled shoes that _______________ (make) me look tall! I _______________ (have) professional makeup. I _______________ (look) so beautiful, it _______________ (take) my new husband’s breath away!

Hmm … how much _______________ all of this cost?

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invite everyone from work and everyone from church! We invite all of our aunts and uncles and cousins. We invite all of their kids! Hmm ... how much that many people eat?”

Suddenly, Ann thought, “On second thought, I think we have a small wedding!”
Vocabulary—Find the Right Word

B) Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

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<td>necklace</td>
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1. You can wear it around the neck. What is it? ____________
2. It is a very large place for meetings and meals. What is it? ____________
3. He makes food. What is it? ____________
4. It is a beautiful and expensive stone. What is it? ____________
5. You can write on it. What is it? ____________
6. You can put them on your ears. What are they? ____________
7. People study there after they finish high school. What is it? ____________
8. It is sweet and baked. What is it? ____________
9. It is the party after the wedding ceremony. What is it? ____________
10. This person can marry people. Who is he? ____________
Grammar—Sentence Structure

C) The following sentences are all mixed up. Put the words on each line in the correct order to make a logical sentence.

1. big I wedding have will a!

2. wear I high-heeled make shoes that tall will me look will!

3. cost Hmm ... all this how will of much?

Grammar—Questions, Negative Sentences, and Positive Sentences

D) Turn the following sentences into questions.

1. I will look beautiful.

2. We will hire a cook.

3. We will invite all of their kids.
E) **Turn the following sentences into negative sentences.**

1. The food will be very tasty.

   ____________________________________________

2. We will have a very tall cake.

   ____________________________________________

3. We will have a big reception.

   ____________________________________________

F) **Turn the following sentences into positive sentences.**

1. Will Ann have a big wedding?

   ____________________________________________

2. Ann will not wear a white dress.

   ____________________________________________

3. Ann will not be tall.

   ____________________________________________
Comprehension

G) Answer the following questions.

1. What kind of dress will Ann wear?
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

2. Where will she have the wedding?
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

3. Who will she invite?
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

4. Will she have a big wedding?
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
Essay Writing

H) Answer the following questions. Write a short essay for each.

1. Let’s say you are about to have your wedding. How will it be?

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2. Will you spend a lot of money on it? Why?

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