

Future Tense with *Will*—Affirmative & Negative Statements

Use *will* to talk about the future. We often use *will* to make a prediction.

Subject	Will	Base Form of Main Verb
I/You/He/She/It/We/They	will	have a big family.
	will	be very happy.

Use contractions with *will* when you are speaking.

I'll/You'll/He'll/She'll/It'll/We'll/They'll

Use *won't* (*will not*) to make a negative statement.

I/You/He/She/It/We/They	won't have	a small family.
	won't be	rich.

When you are not sure about the future, use *probably* or *think*.

Probably	OR	I think or I don't think
She'll <i>probably</i> be tall.		<i>I think</i> she'll be tall.
She <i>probably</i> won't be tall.		<i>I don't think</i> she'll be tall.



A Jenny and Kenny have a baby named Katie. Jenny's parents are visiting. They are making predictions about Katie's future. Read the sentences. Then listen to the conversation and write a check when you hear a prediction.



- | | Prediction? |
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| 1. Katie will be beautiful. | ✓ |
| 2. She'll be tall. | |
| 3. She'll be healthy. | |
| 4. She'll look like Jenny. | |
| 5. She'll look like Kenny. | |
| 6. She'll have blonde hair. | |
| 7. She'll love to travel. | |
| 8. She'll probably speak five languages. | |
| 9. She'll be a lawyer. | |
| 10. She'll have a brother or sister next year. | |

B It's two years later. Katie is two and a half, and she has a baby brother named Jamie. Kenny's parents are visiting and they are making predictions about Jamie. Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses + *will* or *won't*.



1. I think Jamie (be) *will be* very intelligent.
2. He (be) tall and handsome.
3. He (not be) short.
4. He (not look like) his father.
5. I think he (look like) his mother.
6. He (play) soccer, but he (not play) baseball.

C Write about five years from now. First, write predictions about you and three of your classmates. Then find your classmates and read your predictions to them. Say, "In five years, I think you..." Your classmates might say, "Really? That's interesting! I hope you're right." OR "I hope you're wrong."

Name	will probably...	probably won't...
I	<i>will probably speak English well.</i>	
Classmate 1:		
Classmate 2:		
Classmate 3:		