

Before you start

- 1 Review these intermediate grammar points and check you know them.

Future forms and uses

FORM	USE	EXAMPLES
future simple: <i>will/won't</i> + infinitive	general prediction	<i>I bet we'll still be in this house in twenty years' time. Who will win the election?</i>
	future facts	<i>Next year will be a leap year.</i>
	decision made at the time of speaking	<i>Oh, our guests are here. I'll sort out some drinks and nibbles.</i>
<i>be going to</i> + infinitive	prediction based on present evidence	<i>Kate Atkinson's new book has already sold thousands of copies; it's going to be a bestseller.</i>
	intention (personal or impersonal)	<i>Is the management going to accept the current pay claim?</i>
present continuous	arrangements	<i>Next year we're working on a joint project with the Frankfurt office.</i>
future continuous: <i>will/won't be</i> + <i>-ing</i> form	prediction of an action in progress	<i>By next July the economy will be growing at a healthy rate once more.</i>
	plans made in the past	<i>I can't make next Monday's class as I'll be returning from my long weekend away.</i>
	events that are part of a routine	<i>The committee will be meeting at the usual time on Friday.</i>
future perfect: <i>will/won't have</i> + past participle	prediction about a completed action in the future	<i>Will you have discussed this with your boss before you go to the conference?</i>
present simple	an event that is part of a timetable	<i>The lecture starts tomorrow evening at 8.00 p.m.</i>
	after certain expressions of time, e.g. <i>as soon as</i>	<i>We will send you the books you ordered as soon as we receive payment.</i>

Using *shall, shan't*

- 1 The use of *shall/shan't* with *I* and *we* in the future simple is becoming dated and is rare now:

Having learnt on an automatic car, I shall never get the hang of this manual gearbox.

- 2 *Shall* is common in the question form as an offer or a suggestion:

'I can't get this tin open.' 'Shall I do it for you?'

Shall we go out tonight?



We do not use *shall/shan't* with *he, she, it, you, they* for predictions:

X He shall like the idea, I'm sure. ✓ He will like the idea, I'm sure.