

Future Simple

Future Simple - Introduction

The future simple is easy to learn, as there are no exceptions.

It is usually used with 'will', but 'shall' is also used, especially in questions.

Future simple is also formed with 'be going to'.

Future Simple - Usage

Future simple is used

- to state future facts
- to make a prediction
- to make promises
- to offer to do something
- to express unwillingness
- to make a suggestion
- to ask for advice or instructions
- to give an invitation
- in likely or probable situations – first conditional

Future Simple - Formation

Positive:

subject + will/shall + infinitive (without 'to') I will eat ice-cream.

Negative:

subject + will/shall not + infinitive (without 'to') We won't eat ice-cream.

Question:

will/shall + subject + infinitive (without 'to') Will she eat ice-cream?

Negative question:

will/shall not + subject + infinitive (without 'to') Won't he eat ice-cream?

Future Simple – Examples #1

to state future facts

- The sun will set at 6 o'clock this evening.
- Charles will succeed Queen Elizabeth.

to make a prediction

- I think it will rain tomorrow.
- I think they will win the election.

to make promises

- I will help you with your homework.
- He will help you with the dishes.

Future Simple – Examples #2

to offer to do something

- Shall I help you with your homework?
- It's hot in here – shall I open a window?

to express unwillingness

- I won't pay until the manager hears my complaint.
- He won't go to work on his day off.

to ask/make a suggestion

- Shall we watch a film tonight?
- What are we going to do during our holiday?

Future Simple – Examples #3

to ask for advice or instructions

- I broke her favourite vase – what am I going to tell my Mum?
- Shall I tell the boss that the customer is unhappy?

to give an invitation

- Will you be my prom date?
- Will you marry me?

in likely or probable situations – first conditional

- If it rains tomorrow we will play inside.
- If you reduce the price by 10%, I will buy the kitchen today.