Simple Future Tense

The **simple future tense** is often called **will**, because we make the simple future tense with the modal auxiliary **will**.

How do we make the Simple Future Tense?

The structure of the simple future tense is:

subject	+	auxiliary verb WILL	+	main verb
		invariable		base
		will		**V1**

For negative sentences in the simple future tense, we insert **not** between the auxiliary verb and main verb. For question sentences, we exchange the **subject** and **auxiliary verb**. Look at these example sentences with the simple future tense:

	subject	**auxiliary verb**		**main verb**	
+	I	will		open	the door.
+	You	will		finish	before me.
-	She	will	not	be	at school tomorrow.
-	We	will	not	leave	yet.
?	Will	you		arrive	on time?
?	Will	they		want	dinner?

When we use the simple future tense in speaking, we often contract the subject and auxiliary verb:

I will	I'll
you will	you'll
he will she will it will	he'll she'll it'll
we will	we'll
they will	they'll

For negative sentences in the simple future tense, we contract with **won't**, like this:

I will not	I won't
you will not	you won't
he will not she will not it will not	he won't she won't it won't
we will not	we won't
they will not	they won't

How do we use the Simple Future Tense?

No Plan

We use the simple future tense when there is no plan or decision to do something before we speak. We make the decision spontaneously at the time of speaking. Look at these examples:

- Hold on. I'**ll get** a pen.
- We **will see** what we can do to help you.
- Maybe we'**ll stay in** and **watch** television tonight.

In these examples, we had no firm plan before speaking. The decision is made **at the time of speaking**.

We often use the simple future tense with the verb **to think** before it:

- I **think** I'll go to the gym tomorrow.
- I **think** I will have a holiday next year.
- I don't **think** I'll buy that car.

Prediction

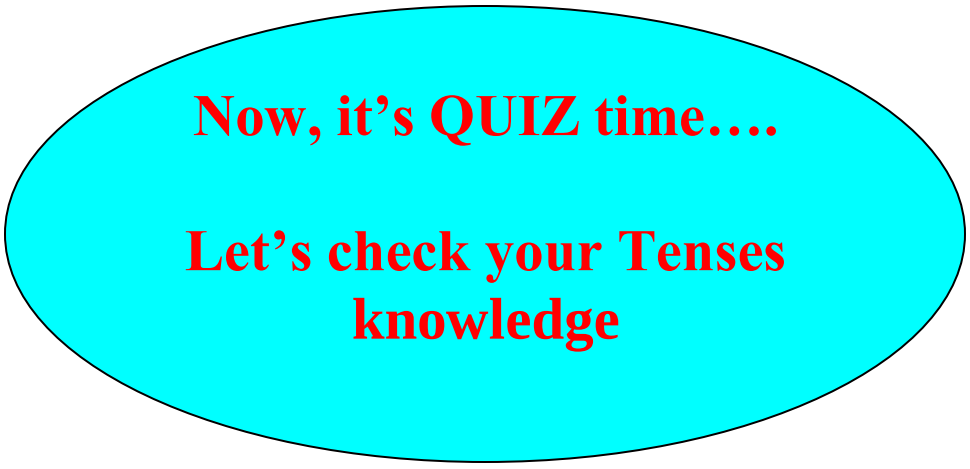
We often use the simple future tense to make a prediction about the future. Again, there is no firm plan. We are saying **what we think will happen**. Here are some examples:

- It **will rain** tomorrow.
- People **won't go** to Jupiter before the 22nd century.
- Who do you think **will get** the job?

Be

When the main verb is **be**, we can use the simple future tense even if we have a firm plan or decision before speaking. Examples:

- I'**ll be** in London tomorrow.
- I'm going shopping. I **won't be** very long.
- **Will** you **be** at work tomorrow?



Exercise (All tenses): Choose the best answer from the questions below.

1. I …….. to the cinema yesterday.
   a. go c. goes
   b. went d. gone

2. My friend …….to music every evening.
   a. listen c. listened
   b. listening d. listens

3. They…….their car. It looks new again.
   a. have cleaned c. has cleaned
   b. cleans d. cleaned

4. Listen! Mr Jones…… the piano.
   a. played c. is playing
   b. play d. plays

5. She…….her left arm two weeks ago.
   a. broke c. break
   b. breaks d. broken

6. We……..a test at the moment.
   a. write c. have written
   b. are writing d. wrote

7. Ken and Emily often ……lunch at school.
   a. has c. had
   b. have d. are having

8. He……. his money. So he can't buy this hamburger.
   a. loses c. has lost
   b. lose d. is losing

9. We……. TV when it started to rain.
   a. watched c. were watching
   b. watches d. watch

10. I……..to visit you yesterday, but you…….. not at home.
   a. want, are c. want, were
   b. wanted, are d. wanted, were

11. Look! It……., so we can't…….to the beach.
   a. is raining, went c. rains, go
   b. rains, went d. is raining, go

12. There are a lot of clouds! It…….. soon.
    a. rained c. was raining
    b. is going to rain d. rains

13. The sun……. in the East.
    a. rise c. rose
    b. rises d. risen

14. I…….. for my girlfriend for two hours.
    a. have been waiting c. waited
    b. has been waiting d. wait

15. After Larry…… the film on TV, he decided to buy the book.
    a. sees c. had seen
    b. is seeing d. see

16. Wait a minute; I…… this box for you.
    a. carried c. carry
    b. will carry d. carries

17. I…… in love three times in my life.
    a. am c. have been
    b. was d. has been

18. ……me last night?
    a. Were you call c. Did you call
    b. Was you call d. Do you call

19. I was at the club yesterday, but I ……..you.
    a. don't see c. doesn't see
    b. didn't see d. didn't saw

20. I …… a shower when you called.
    a. was taking c. take
    b. am taking d. were taking

21.Mr. Ray …….. Chemistry at the local high school last year.
    a. teach c. taught
    b. teaches d. is teaching

22. I …… a shower when you called.
    a. was taking c. take
    b. am taking d. were taking

23. When I first saw her, she…….. on the balcony.
    a. stands c. is standing
    b. was standing d. has stood

24. He often …… to school with his friends.
    a. goes c. went
    b. go d. is going

25. What …….. you …….. last week
    a. do, buy c. have, buy
    b. does, buy d. did, buy

26. …… he ……. to your party tomorrow?
    a. Will, come c. Do, come
    b. Does, come d. Has, come

27. They have already …… that movie.
    a. seeing c. seen
    b. see d. saw

28. Andi: ……..? Roni: No, I don't
    a. Did you smoke c. Are you smoking
    b. Do you smoke d. Do you smoking

29. Now, she …….. lunch.
    a. has c. had
    b. is d. is having

30. When telephone ……., my mother was cooking.
    a. rings c. rang
    b. is ringing d. ring

31. Shhh! The baby …….. . The baby ……. for ten hours every night.
    a. is sleeping, sleeps c. was sleeping, sleeps
    b. is sleeping, sleep d. was sleeping, sleep

32. A: ……. in France before? B: Yes, I have. I …….. in Paris two months ago.
    a. Have you ever been, was c. Did you be, was
    b. Have you ever been, am d. Did you be, am

33. She and her mom ……. shopping right now.
    a. is going c. was going
    b. are going d. were going

34. The students …….. in Jakarta since yesterday.

a. have been c. is
b. has been d. was

35. Last night I had a good night's sleep. I …….. nine hours
a. sleep c. am sleeping
b. will sleep d. slept

36. Alice …… the bus to school every day. She usually ……. instead.
a. didn't take, walked c. don't, take walks
b. Doesn't take, walks d. Doesn't take, walk

37. Right now Andi ……. An article in the magazine, but she …….. it
a. is reading, isn't understand c. is reading, doesn't understand
b. is reading, isn't understanding d. is reading, not understand

38. I ……. a letter to my folks after I finished studying yesterday evening.
a. wrote c. am writing
b. write d. have written

39. They …… in a couple of hours.
a. will eat c. were eating
b. eat d. ate

40. My aunt and uncle……. in the same house for twenty five years.
a. will live c. lived
b. has lived d. have lived

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