

UNIT 7 Will (2)

a) When we talk about the future, we often say what someone has arranged to do or intends to do. Do *not* use **will** in this situation:

- Tom is **playing** tennis on Monday. (*not* 'Tom will play')
- **Are you going** to watch television this evening? (*not* 'will you watch')

For arrangements and intentions see Units 4 and 5.

But often when we are talking about the future, we are not talking about arrangements or intentions. Study this example:

Tom: I'm very worried about my examination next week.

Ann: Don't worry, Tom. You'll pass.

'You'll pass' is not an arrangement or an intention. Ann is just saying what **will** happen or what she thinks will happen; she is predicting the future. When we predict a future happening or a future situation, we use **will/won't**.

- When you return home, you'll **notice** a lot of changes.
- This time next year I'll be in Japan. Where **will** you be?
- When **will** you **know** your examination results?
- Tom **won't** pass his examination. He hasn't done any work for it.

We often use **will** with these words and expressions:

probably	I'll probably be a bit late this evening.
(I'm) sure	You must meet Ann. I'm sure you'll like her.
(I) expect	I expect Carol will get the job.
(I) think	Do you think we'll win the match?

b) **Will and shall**

You can use **shall** or **will** with **I** and **we**:

- **We shall** (*or we will*) probably go to Scotland in June.

But in spoken English we normally use the short forms **I'll** and **we'll**:

- **We'll** probably go to Scotland in June.

The negative of **shall** is **shan't** (*or shall not*):

- **I shan't** (*or I won't*) be here tomorrow.

Do not use **shall** with **he/she/it/you/they**.

Note that we use **shall** (not **will**) in the questions **shall I ...?** and **shall we ...?** (for offers, suggestions etc.):

- **Shall I open** the window? (= Do you want me to open the window?)
- I've got no money. What **shall I do**? (= What do you suggest I do?)
- Where **shall we go** this evening?

For **will** see also Units 6, 8 and 9.

UNIT 7 Exercises

7.1 Decide which form of the verb is correct (or more natural) in these sentences. Cross out the one which is wrong.

Example: Tom isn't free on Saturday. He ~~will work~~ / is working.

- 1 I will go / am going to a party tomorrow night. Would you like to come too?
- 2 According to the weather forecast it will rain / is raining tomorrow.
- 3 I'm sure Tom will get / is getting the job. He has a lot of experience.
- 4 I can't meet you this evening. A friend of mine will come / is coming to see me.
- 5 A: Have you decided where to go for your holidays yet?
B: Yes, we will go / are going to Italy.
- 6 Don't worry about the dog. It won't hurt / isn't hurting you.

7.2 Answer these questions using the words in brackets.

Example: When do you think he'll arrive? (expect / tonight) I expect he'll arrive tonight.

- 1 What do you think she'll say? (probably / nothing) She
- 2 Where do you think she'll go? (expect / London) I
- 3 When do you think she'll leave? (think / tomorrow) I
- 4 How do you think she'll go there? (expect / by train) I
- 5 When do you think she'll be back? (think / quite soon) I
- 6 Do you think you'll miss her? (I'm sure / very much) Yes,

7.3 Now you have to read a situation and then write a sentence with shall I? In each situation you are talking to a friend.

Example: It's very hot in the room. The window is shut. Shall I open the window?

- 1 You've just tried on a jacket in a shop. You are not sure whether to buy it or not. Ask your friend for advice.
- 2 You're going out. It's possible that it will rain and you're not sure whether to take an umbrella or not. Ask your friend for advice.
- 3 It's Ann's birthday soon and you don't know what to give her. Ask your friend for advice. What
- 4 Your friend wants you to phone him/her later. You don't know what time to phone. Ask him/her. What

This time you have to make sentences with shall we?

Example: You and your friend haven't decided what to do this evening. You say:

What shall we do this evening?

- 5 You and your friend haven't decided where to go for your holidays. You say:
Where
- 6 You and your friend haven't decided what to have for dinner. You say:
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- 7 You and your friend are going out. You haven't decided whether to go by car or to walk.
You say: or