

## Simple Future Tense

The simple future is a verb tense that is used to talk about things that have not happened yet, and will happen at a time later than now.

Examples: Ali **will read** *War and Peace*.

It **will be** hard, but he is determined to do it.

Use the simple future to talk about an action or condition that will begin and end in the future.

## How to Form the Simple Future

The formula for the simple future is **will + [root form of verb]**.

I **will learn** a new language.

Ali **will read** that book.

My brothers **will sleep** till noon.

You **will see** what I mean.

It doesn't matter if the subject is **singular** or **plural**; the formula for the simple future doesn't change.

**But...**

There is another way to show that something will happen in the future. It follows the formula **[am/is/are] + going to + [root form verb]**.

I **am going to learn** a new language.

Ali **is going to read** that book.

My brothers **are going to sleep** till noon.

You **are going to see** what I mean.

The “going to” construction is common in speech and casual writing. Keep in mind though that it is on the informal side, so it is a good idea to stick to the **will + [root form]** construction in formal writing.

## How to Make the Simple Future Negative

To make the simple future negative, the formula is **will + not + [root form]**.

Ahmed **will not** move to another house.

The bus **will not wait** for you.

He **will not say** anything bad again.

I **will not finish** my homework in time.

Using the “going to” construction, the formula is **[am/is/are] + not + going to + [root form]**.

Ahmed **is not going to** move to another house.

The bus **is not going to wait** for you.

He **is not going to say** anything bad again.  
time.

I **am not going to finish** my homework in

## How to Ask a Question

To ask a question in the simple future, the formula is **will + [subject] + [root form]**.

**Will Ali finish** *War and Peace* over the summer?  
Spanish every day? **Will I have** the ability to study

**What will you buy** with the money you found?

The formula for the “going to” construction is **[am/is/are] + [subject] +going to + [root form]**.

**Is Ali going to finish** *War and Peace* over the summer?  
ability to study Spanish every day? **Am I going to have** the

**What are you going to buy** with the money you found?