

The future tense

In English The **future tense** is used to talk about actions or events that *will* or *will not happen* in the future. It is formed by placing the auxiliary verbs **will** (or sometimes **shall**) before the base form of the verb.

Next month I **will travel** to Venezuela.

My cousin Jill **will come** with me.

We **shall visit** Angel Falls, which is the tallest waterfall in the world.

To say *what is probably true* or *is likely to happen*, English uses auxiliaries like **must**, **might**, or **can/could**, or the phrase **I wonder...**, or the word **probably**.

Where **can** Sheila be? She **must** be at home.

I wonder what she thinks. She **probably** thinks you're crazy!

A Underline the base form of the verb and circle the auxiliaries **will** or **shall**.

- The library (will) close in a few minutes.
- I shall return all the books you have checked out.
- We will go home after that.
- Mom will cook dinner for us.
- Next week we won't be here at the library.
- My brother will play in a concert with the band.
- My parents will go to the concert.
- Will you attend the concert as well?

In Spanish The **future tense** is also used to refer to events or actions that *will* or *will not happen* in the future. It is formed by adding the following endings to the infinitive form of the verb.

yo	veré	nosotros(as)	veremos
tú	verás	vosotros(as)	veréis
él, ella, usted	verá	ellos(as), ustedes	verán

Some verbs are irregular in the future. Add the future endings to the following stems:

decir: dir-	poner: pondr-	tener: tendr-	caber: cabr-
hacer: har-	querer: querr-	valer: valdr-	haber: habr-
poder: podr-	salir: saldr-	venir: vendr-	saber: sabr-

The future tense can be used both to tell what *will happen* or to say *what is probably true* or *is likely to happen*. The context will make this clear.

El año que viene **iremos** de vacaciones a Venezuela. (*will happen*)

¿Cuándo **vendrá** Begoña? No sé. **Estará** en casa todavía. (*probably true*)

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B Underline the infinitive or stem and circle the future ending of each verb.

1. El mes que viene ir**emos** a la Argentina.
2. Yo tomaré yerba mate.
3. Mis padres bailarán el tango.
4. Creo que hará muy buen tiempo.
5. Mi hermano querrá subir a los Andes.
6. Mis padres le dirán que no puede escalar solo.
7. Tú podrás ver nuestras fotos más tarde.

C Write complete sentences using the future tense to tell whether you think the following events will take place before the year 2030.

1. Cada persona / tener / Internet en su teléfono móvil
Cada persona tendrá Internet en su teléfono móvil.

2. Haber / paz / en el mundo

3. Tú / descubrir / una cura para el cáncer

4. Yo / ser / un(a) gran artista

5. Los profesores / ganar / mucho dinero

6. Nosotros / eliminar / la contaminación de los ríos

7. Se / poder / viajar en carro / por el aire

D Translate the following. Use the future tense to express what will likely happen.

1. *Susana is late. I wonder what she's doing.*

Susana llega tarde. ¿Qué estará haciendo?

2. *She must be at school. She probably has to study.*

3. *She must know she has to return home soon. She'll probably come now.*
