

Lesson 16: Future-Tense Verbs

LEARN

- A verb in the **future tense** tells about an action that **will** happen. The action has not yet occurred. Use the special verb **will** to form the future tense.

The Garcia family **will build** a new house.
The builder and the Garcias **will discuss** the plans.

- The present, past, and future tenses are called **simple tenses**. They tell about action that happens now, in the past, and in the future.

PRESENT Ms. Garcia **studies** the plans.
PAST Ms. Garcia **studied** the plans.
FUTURE Ms. Garcia **will study** the plans.



PRACTICE

A Read each sentence. Underline the verb. Circle **yes** if the verb is in the future tense. Circle **no** if it is not.

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| 1. The Garcias <u>like</u> the builder's plans. | yes | <input type="radio"/> no |
| 2. They <u>will call</u> the builder tomorrow. | <input type="radio"/> yes | no |
| 3. He <u>will supervise</u> the workers at the site. | <input type="radio"/> yes | no |
| 4. The builder <u>made</u> a schedule already. | yes | <input type="radio"/> no |
| 5. The schedule <u>shows</u> each part of the project. | yes | <input type="radio"/> no |
| 6. The whole project <u>will take</u> about three months. | <input type="radio"/> yes | no |
| 7. Many different workers <u>will order</u> supplies. | <input type="radio"/> yes | no |
| 8. They <u>haul</u> supplies in their trucks. | yes | <input type="radio"/> no |
| 9. The family <u>will move</u> in June. | <input type="radio"/> yes | no |
| 10. They <u>will rent</u> a moving truck. | <input type="radio"/> yes | no |

B Complete each sentence. Write the future tense of the verb in parentheses.

1. Carpenters will build the frame of the house. (build)
2. They will measure each piece of lumber. (measure)
3. Then they will construct each wall separately. (construct)
4. These workers will shape the windows and doorways, too. (shape)
5. The plumbers will arrive next. (arrive)
6. They will bring the kitchen and bathroom fixtures. (bring)
7. They will install the heating system, too. (install)
8. Roofers will work on the roof. (work)
9. They will nail shingles into place. (nail)
10. An electrician will spend a few weeks at the house. (spend)
11. She will run wires through the house. (run)
12. She will test the electrical system later. (test)
13. The painters will start in early June. (start)
14. They will paint the inside and the outside of the house. (paint)
15. The Garcias will choose the colors. (choose)



C Daniel wrote this entry in his diary. He forgot to put seven verbs in the future tense. Use the proofreading marks in the box to correct the errors.

Remember
Use the future tense to tell about an action that will happen. Use the special verb *will* to form the future tense.

Dear Diary,

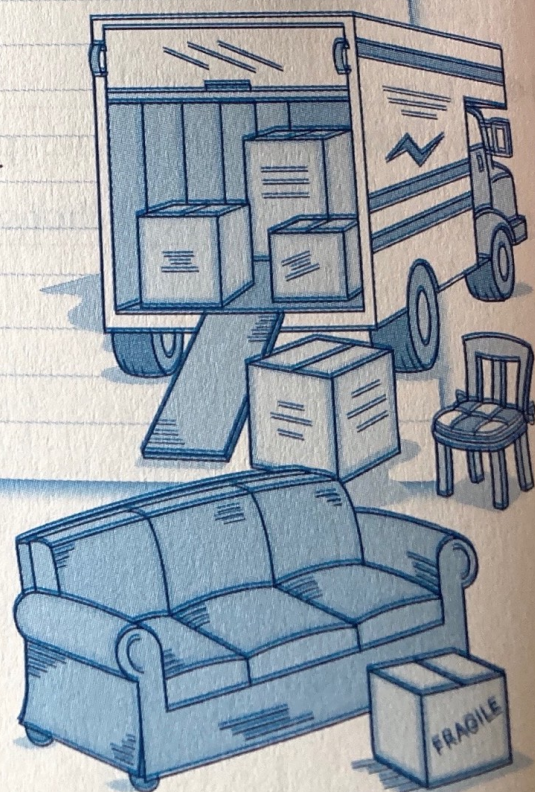
I can't wait until our move next Thursday! We have already packed 30 boxes with dishes, books, clothes, and toys. We probably will pack 30 more before we're done. Mom ^{will} buy some new furniture for the house after we move in.

Mom and Dad ^{will} rent a truck next Wednesday. It's a 24-foot truck, so everything will fit. Uncle Jack and Aunt Rita ^{will} help us load it. They ^{will} drive the truck over to the new house on Thursday morning. We ^{will} follow them in our family car.

Once I leave here I know I will miss my old neighborhood. I ^{will} miss my friends even more, but I know I ^{will} come back for a visit. I also know I will make new friends at my new school.

Proofreading Marks

- ^ Add
- Period
- ~ Take out
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter



Did you put seven verbs in the future tense?



D This builder's schedule shows the jobs that must be completed by the dates shown. On the lines below, complete the sentences about the jobs on the list. Use **will** with the verb in parentheses to form the future tense. The first one is done for you.

- May 25** Build cabinets
May 26 Paint rooms
May 27 Install light fixtures
May 28 Pave driveway
May 29 Order kitchen appliances
June 1 Test plumbing system
June 2 Check roof and gutters
June 2-3 Plant bushes
June 3-4 Inspect building
June 3-4 Clean up job site

1. (build) The carpenter _____ *will build the cabinets.*
2. (paint) The painters _____ *will paint the rooms.*
3. (install) The electrician _____ *will install the light fixtures.*
4. (pave) A paving company _____ *will pave the driveway.*
5. (order) The builder _____ *will order the kitchen appliances.*
6. (test) The plumber _____ *will test the plumbing system.*
7. (check) The roofer _____ *will check the roof and gutters.*
8. (plant) Landscapers _____ *will plant the bushes.*
9. (inspect) A building inspector _____ *will inspect the building.*
10. (clean) The work crew _____ *will clean up the job site.*

Proofreading Checklist

- Did you write a future-tense verb in each sentence?
- Did you use **will** to form each future-tense verb?