

Future Simple

Affirmative	Negative
I will work You will work He will work She will work It will work We will work You will work They will work	I won't work You won't work He won't work, etc.
	Interrogative
	Will I work? Will you work? Will he work? etc.

Use

We use the **future simple** for:

- predictions about the future, usually with the verbs *think, believe, expect*, etc., the expressions *be sure, be afraid*, etc., and the adverbs *perhaps, certainly, probably*, etc.
*I think it **will rain** today.*
- on-the-spot decisions.
*I'm thirsty. I'll **have** a glass of water.*
- promises, threats, warnings, requests and hopes with the verbs *promise, hope*, etc.
*I **hope** the temperature **will drop** soon.*

Be going to

Affirmative	Negative
I'm going to work You're going to work He's going to work She's going to work It's going to work We're going to work You're going to work They're going to work	I'm not going to work You aren't going to work He isn't going to work, etc.
	Interrogative
	Am I going to work? Are you going to work? Is she going to work? etc.

Use

We use **be going to** for:

- plans and intentions we have for the near future.
*I'm **going to spend** next summer sailing around the world.*
- predictions based on what we can see (evidence) or know.
*The sky is very cloudy. It's **going to rain** tonight.*

Time Expressions we use with the future simple and be going to:

tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, next week/ month/ year, tonight, soon, in a week/ month/ year, etc.

Present Continuous

- The **present continuous** is used for fixed arrangements in the near future.
*I **am seeing** my doctor next week.*

Time Conjunctions

We do not use future tenses in clauses after **while, before, until, as soon as, after, if, by the time, as**, etc.

***As soon as** we finish dinner, I'll serve some ice cream.*

(NOT: As soon as we ~~will finish~~...)

Note: when (= At what time?) used as a question word can be followed by the future simple.

***When will they be back?** (when = question word)*

***but:** Susan will call us **when** she arrives. (when = time conjunction)*

Type 1 Conditionals

If-Clause (hypothesis)	Main Clause (result)
If + present simple	→ will/may/can + infinitive without to

- Type 1 conditionals express a real or very probable situation in the present or future.
***If we leave** early, **we'll catch** the 8 o'clock train.
You **may borrow** my motorcycle **if you promise** to be careful.*
- We can use **unless** instead of **if ... not** in the if-clause of Type 1 conditionals. The verb is always in the affirmative after **unless**.
***Unless we leave** early, **we'll miss** the 8 o'clock train.
(= **If we don't leave** early, **we'll miss** the 8 o'clock train.)*