

## The simple future tense

The **simple future tense** shows that an action is planned to take place in the future. When we write in the simple future tense, we add an auxiliary verb to the main verb.

**Examples:** I will ride my bicycle tomorrow.

The auxiliary verb *will* is added to the main verb *ride* to form the simple future tense.

I may go to the party.

The auxiliary verb *may* is added to the main verb *go* to form the simple future tense.



### Help

Sometimes the main verb needs to change in the simple future tense.

#### Example:

Tarryn reads a book. → Tarryn will read a book.

1. Underline the simple future tense verbs in these sentences. The first one has been done for you.
  - a) She may come along to the beach.
  - b) I will do my homework next.
  - c) The workers may strike tomorrow.
  - d) Our aunt and uncle will arrive soon.
  - e) They may stay with us.
  - f) My favourite show will be on television tonight.
2. Write the following sentences in the simple future tense using the auxiliary verbs in brackets.
  - a) The puppy runs after the ball. (will)  
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  - b) The dog growls at strangers. (will)  
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  - c) The doctor takes our temperature. (may)  
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  - d) We drank our coffee by the fire. (will)  
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  - e) We met behind the school. (will)  
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  - f) I called you to help me. (may)  
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## More about the simple future tense

We also use the words *going to* to form a sentence in the simple future tense and show that an action that will take place in the future.

**Examples:** I am going to eat that sandwich. We use *am + going to + eat* to form this sentence in the simple future tense.

We are going to visit my cousin on Friday. We use *are + going to + visit* to form this sentence in the simple future tense.

She is going to help her brother. We use *is + going to + help* to form this sentence in the simple future tense.

Take note of how the verb *to be* changes in the simple future tense.

I <u>am</u> going to eat.	<u>We</u> <i>are</i> going to eat.
<u>You</u> <i>are</i> going to eat.	<u>You</u> <i>are</i> going to eat.
He/She/It <i>is</i> going to eat.	<u>They</u> <i>are</i> going to eat.

1. Use the words *going to* to write the sentences below in the simple future tense.

a) The cat plays on the carpet.

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b) An owl sits in the tree.

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c) Ruth bakes biscuits for her party.

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d) The eagles catch fish in the river.

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e) I put the chops in the pan.

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f) Mr Naidoo fixes the chair.

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Use the table above to help you use the correct form of the verb *to be*.