

Will ★★

Will is a modal verb, but it is also a noun.

1 **Will** for predicting the future (see also GB 21)



“The sun will be completely covered at 15.23, Greenwich Mean Time.”

More examples

“I’m going to Moscow.” “It’ll be cold there!”

I will help you if you want me to,

2 **Will** for polite requests and invitations



Will you wake me at 7 am?

More examples

Will you please take this home with you?

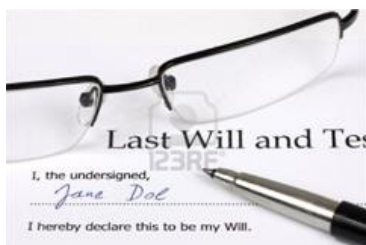
Will you and your sister come to tea tomorrow?

(For **will** and **shall**, see GB 166 next week))

3 **Will** as noun: two uses



“This girl has a strong will.”



“This is Jane’s Last Will and Testament.”

More examples

Success is about how much you know, but also strength of will.

He hides a strong will under a modest exterior.

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Column 1 = prediction; column 2 = request; column 3 = noun

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1 A strong will is essential to maintain momentum.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 I will retire when I'm 65 years old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Will you help me tonight at the rehearsal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 "Will you lend me your bicycle?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 "In two years' time I will be 18."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>