

## Future with will

I can use will to talk about the future and predict future events.

- ✎ What do you know about polar bears? Choose the correct options. Then read the text and check your answers.

- 1 Polar bears live in the Arctic / the Antarctic.
- 2 Polar bears spend a lot of time on small islands / on sea ice.
- 3 Global warming is / isn't a danger to polar bears.

## Will there still be polar bears in the world in 2100?

Polar bears need sea ice to hunt, rest and travel. But the ice in the Arctic is melting because of global warming. Scientists believe that some time between 2059 and 2078 there will be no sea ice in summer in the Arctic Sea. The polar bear's habitat will become smaller and smaller. Bears won't get enough food in the summer; they won't be able to feed their young and many bears will die in winter. There are now between 20,000 and 25,000 polar bears in the world. Some scientists predict that sixty percent will disappear before 2050. Will they all die before the end of the century?



- ✎ Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Then complete the examples with the words in blue in the text.

### GRAMMAR FOCUS

#### will

We use **will** to predict future events.

- + There <sup>1</sup> will be no sea ice in summer.  
Sixty percent of polar bears <sup>2</sup> will disappear before 2050.
- Bears <sup>3</sup> won't get enough food in the summer.
- ? <sup>4</sup> Will all polar bears die before the end of the century?  
Yes, they will. / No, they won't.

#### Short forms:

I'll = I will, you'll = you will, etc.; won't = will not

### REMEMBER THIS

The future form of can is **will be able to**. The negative form is **won't be able to**.

Female bears **won't be able to** feed their young.

- ✎ What do you think will happen in the next fifty years? Complete the sentences with **will** or **won't**. Then compare with a partner.

- 1 People won't travel less.
- 2 Summers will get hotter.
- 3 Nuclear energy won't become safer and more popular.
- 4 Elephants will die out.
- 5 There will be enough food in Europe.
- 6 Pollution won't become worse.

- ✎ **Focus on you** In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- Yes, they will. But there will be electric cars.*
- 1 Will people still use cars in sixty years' time?
  - 2 Will Venice and Amsterdam disappear under the sea? *No, they won't.*
  - 3 Will there be enough food for everyone? *No, it won't.*
  - 4 Will scientists solve the world energy problem? *Yes, they will.*
  - 5 Will there be a lot more people in the world? *No, there won't.*
- A: *Will people still use cars in sixty years' time?*  
B: *Yes, they will. / No, they won't.*

### REMEMBER THIS

You use **get** or **become** + a comparative adjective to say how things will change.

Summers **will get** hotter.

Pollution **will become** worse.

Will food **become** more expensive?

- ✎ Write sentences about topics 1–5 with **get** or **become** and the comparative form of an adjective from the box. Then share your ideas with a partner.

bad • cheap • difficult • easy • expensive  
good • hot • popular • safe

- 1 Summers ...
- 2 Pollution ...
- 3 Food ...
- 4 Finding a job ...
- 5 Travel ...

*Summers will become hotter.*

- ✎ **Focus on you** In pairs, ask and answer questions about your future.

Will you ... in the next ten years?

- get married
- have children
- make many new friends
- have your own flat or house
- earn a lot of money

A: *Will you get married in the next ten years?*

B: *Yes, I will. / No, I won't.*



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- 1 Summers will get hotter
- 2 Pollution won't become worse.
- 3 Food won't become more expensive
- 4 Finding a job won't become more difficult.
- 5 Travel will become more popular.

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- Will you get married in the next ten years?  
No, I won't.
- Will you have children in the next ten years?  
No, I won't.
- Will you make any new friends in the next ten years?  
Yes, I will.
- Will you have your own flat or house in the next ten years?  
No, I won't.
- Will you earn a lot of money in the next ten years?  
No, I won't.