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A2 SIGNAL WORDS ≈ 27 MIN

Signal Words: Will Future — *use with confidence*

Recognise common future signals and distinguish spontaneous decisions, predictions, and fixed plans.

Use **will** for spontaneous decisions, promises, and predictions without a fixed plan; use the **present continuous** for fixed arrangements.

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · GAP FILL ○ 3 · CORRECTION ○ 4 · WRITING ○

BRICK 1 · SORT THE SIGNAL WORDS · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each expression as a time marker or an opinion/probability marker.

tomorrow | I think | next month | I hope | soon | probably | next year | I expect | in 2030 | perhaps

TIME MARKERS	OPINION/PROBABILITY MARKERS

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE WITH THE CORRECT FUTURE FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Look for spontaneous decisions, predictions, and promises.

01 The courier has arrived early — I _____ (sign) for the package.

02 I think the regional campaign _____ (generate) more qualified leads.

03 You have my word: I _____ (deliver) the revised quotation before noon.

04 The meeting room is too cold — I _____ (close) the window.

05 Perhaps the auditor _____ (request) additional receipts.

06 Nina wants to lead the workshop, and she promises she _____ (prepare) the handouts tonight.

07 I expect the updated workflow _____ (not cause) any delays.

08 The client sounds uncertain — I _____ (offer) a short trial now.

YOUR BUILD | 1 · SORTING | 2 · GAP FILL | 3 · CORRECTION | 4 · WRITING

BRICK 3 · CORRECT THE FUTURE ERRORS · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains a common error. Rewrite the complete sentence correctly.

01 I confirm the delivery window tomorrow, I promise.

02 Our procurement manager will a longer payment period.

03 The new portal will reduce probably support tickets.

04 The decision was made before this call: we will move our archives to the cloud.

05 The appointment is confirmed: I will meet the consultant tomorrow at 14:00.

06 The finance team won't definitely accept an unsigned order.

BRICK 4 · WRITE SUITABLE FUTURE SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one complete English sentence for each situation and choose the appropriate future form.

01 A colleague has just noticed that twelve name badges are missing. Spontaneously offer to print them.

02 Use "I expect" to predict the number of support requests next month; there is no fixed plan.

03 Promise a customer that you will upload the corrected invoice tomorrow morning.

04 Before the conversation, your team decided to introduce a new CRM next year. Express the plan with going to.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- [ ] I can recognise time markers and opinion/probability markers.
- [ ] I use will for spontaneous decisions, promises, and predictions without a fixed plan.
- [ ] I place probably and definitely in the correct position.
- [ ] I can distinguish will, going to, the present continuous, and want to.

Always check first whether the decision is being made now or whether a fixed plan already exists.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **Time** — tomorrow
"Tomorrow" marks a future time.

02 **Opinion** — I think
"I think" introduces a personal prediction.

03 **Time** — next month
"Next month" marks a future period.

04 **Opinion** — I hope
"I hope" signals a hopeful expectation.

05 **Time** — soon
"Soon" marks an unspecified future time.

06 **Opinion** — probably
"Probably" signals a likely prediction.

07 **Time** — next year
"Next year" marks a future period.

08 **Opinion** — I expect
"I expect" introduces an expectation.

09 **Time** — in 2030
"In 2030" marks a specific future time.

10 **Opinion** — perhaps
"Perhaps" signals an uncertain possibility.

BRICK 2 · GAP FILL

01 The courier has arrived early — I **will sign** for the package.
Will marks a spontaneous decision.

02 I think the regional campaign **will generate** more qualified leads.
Will after "I think" marks a prediction.

03 You have my word: I **will deliver** the revised quotation before noon.
Will is used for a promise.

04 The meeting room is too cold — I **will close** the window.
Will marks a spontaneous response.

05 Perhaps the auditor **will request** additional receipts.
Will with "perhaps" marks a prediction.

06 Nina wants to lead the workshop, and she promises she **will prepare** the handouts tonight.
Want to marks desire; will marks the promise.

07 I expect the updated workflow **will not cause** any delays.
Will not after "I expect" marks a prediction.

08 The client sounds uncertain — I **will offer** a short trial now.
Will marks a spontaneous offer.

BRICK 3 · CORRECTION

01 I **will confirm** the delivery window tomorrow, I promise.
Will marks a future promise.

02 Our procurement manager **wants** a longer payment period.
Want, not will, expresses what someone desires.

03 The new portal will **probably reduce** support tickets.
Probably goes after will and before the main verb.

04 The decision was made before this call: we **are going to move** our archives to the cloud.
Going to marks an earlier decision.

05 The appointment is confirmed: I **am meeting** the consultant tomorrow at 14:00.
The present continuous expresses a confirmed fixed arrangement.

06 The finance team **definitely won't accept** an unsigned order.
Definitely goes before won't.

BRICK 4 · WRITING

Other answers are possible when the situation, future form, and word order clearly match.

01 "I**'ll print** the twelve missing name badges."
'll marks a spontaneous offer.

02 "I expect the number of support requests **will decrease** next month."
Will after "I expect" marks a prediction.

03 "I**'ll upload** the corrected invoice tomorrow morning."
'll marks a promise.

04 "We**'re going to introduce** a new CRM next year."
Going to marks an earlier decision.

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