

Will – the use of.

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Moving along with my series of documents to fix the dreaded ‘Filipinoisms’

This is another element which is constantly used ‘incorrectly’

Will is used to talk in general about the future.

The main difference when using will is the use in English when compared to Tagalog.

In Tagalog, ‘will’ is used to cover all occurrences of the future.

Halimbawa:

I will go home later - Uwi ako mamaya.

They will eat dinner at home tonight. – Kakain sila ng hapunan sa bahay namin ngayon gabi.

I will buy some new clothes tomorrow. – Bibili ako ng bagong damit bukas.

With all of these sentences, the verb is just translated into the future ‘will + verb’

Not possible in English. In English we have 7 ways to describe the future.

Will – He will go home after work.

Going to – He is going to go home after work.

Present Simple - He goes to work at 10pm tonight.

Present continuous - He is going to work at 10pm tonight.

Be about to - He is about to go to work.

Future time clauses – Before he goes to work, he will eat breakfast.

May/Might – He may/might go to work (plus future time).

So when translating into English be aware of what you are trying to express.

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missing somebody.....call
wanna meet up.....invite
wanna be understood.....explain
have questions.....ask
don't like something.....say it nicely
like something.....declare it
want something.....ask for it
stressed.....let go
love someone.....say it

We use will to express a ‘spontaneous action’ (**where we have no initial plan**)
 We use it to react to a situation.

Halimbawa:

There is someone at the door. I will get/answer it. (**reaction to door being knocked**).

You look like you need some help. I will help you (**no plan, decide now and do now**).

I think it will rain tomorrow. (**predictions with no information**).

Will you be at home later this evening? (**No plan because I do not know if you will be at home**).

He will be successful because he is smart. (**can be used in the same way as going to, to say something is going to/will happen in the future**).

There are more uses, which are not needed now.

Let’s look at some incorrect uses I hear regularly.

If you will decide to come, I will be the one who will pay for you.

If you will come later, we will wait for you.

When I will be late they always wait for me.

Next week I will go to Manila (a plan).

We will go to the beach later (plan).



Clauses are the biggest issue followed by plan or no plan.

With clauses (future), we never use will in the ‘time clause’ section of the sentence, only in the resultant clause.

Example:

If you decide to come (**future ‘if’ clause uses present simple only**), I will pay for you (**resultant clause = will**)

When I am late (**future time clause**), they always wait for me (**resultant clause of when is present simple because when = every time**).

Time clause words/expressions are: before, after, when, until, as soon as. **These can never be followed by 'will' or any future expressions (going to etc...)**

We also have 'plan' (going to) and 'no plan' (will) ways to express the future.

Going to, is used when you have a prior plan to do something in the future.
(**I am going to Madrid next week (I have made a plan before I go to Madrid)**).

Exercise:

Correct the sentences into their correct form. (Sentences are incorrect)

When it will rain, I will not go to the beach.

If will be late, I am going to wait for you.

Give me the money and I will be the one to pay.

As soon as I will get home, I will have a shower.

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Please be patient and I will provide the answers.

