

Expressing certainty

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1. Present and Future Certainty

will/won't

- Use of will/won't when we **believe something is certain but don't have independent proof**
- Examples:
 - Jim's coming. He'll be on his way now.
 - 'It's five o'clock. Janet'll be in Moscow now.' (=based on our experience of travel times)
 - 'I hope she's taken some winter clothes because it **won't be** warm at this time of year.'

will/won't + be + -ing

- Use of will/won't + be + -ing form for ongoing situations

Example: Jason knows his successor will be having a hard time in the job. (==based on Jason's experience)

Predictions about the Future

- Use of **would/wouldn't** as the past form of will for predictions made in the future related to past action
- Example: 'We had to hurry to get him to the hospital. It **would be** too late otherwise.'

1. Past Certainty

Present Simple and Present Continuous

- Use of **present simple** when we have **independent proof of something**
- Use of **present continuous** for **ongoing situations with independent proof**
- Examples:
- Janet's in Moscow. She called us from her hotel.
- Jason has heard from his successor. He knows she's having a hard time in the job.

Compare

- Jason knows his successor will be having a hard time in the job.
(==based on Jason's experience)
- Jason has heard from his successor. He knows she's having a hard time in the job.

Past Certainty

- Use of *will + have + past participle* to refer to something certain that happened (without independent proof)
- Examples:
- We sent the invitation on Monday, so **they will have received** it by now. (=Similarity to must + have + past participle)

Past Certainty (Continued)

- Use of won't + have + past participle to express certainty that **something did not happen**

Example:

- We sent the invitations by second-class post. They **won't have received** them yet.

Match the following modal verbs with their most suitable use:

1. Use will/won't
2. use will/won't + be + -ing form
3. Use present simple
4. Use present continuous.
5. Use would/wouldn't
6. Use will + have + past participle
7. Use won't + have + past participle

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- B. when something is believed but not proven (Present/Future Certainty)
- C. When Sth certain with proof.
- D. Predictions about the Future related to past action
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Multiple-Choice Exercise

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CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPTION

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Key Answer: b. won't have arrived

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a. will be

b. would be

c. is

d. Are

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a. will be

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c. is

d. Are

Key Answer: b. would be

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a. closes

b. is closing

c. will close

d. Closing

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Key Answer: a. closes

Look at Mark; he _____ (work) on the project for hours.

a. works

b. is working

c. will work

d. Working

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Key Answer: b. is working

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