

**pre-intermediate**

# PIONEER

# GRAMMAR

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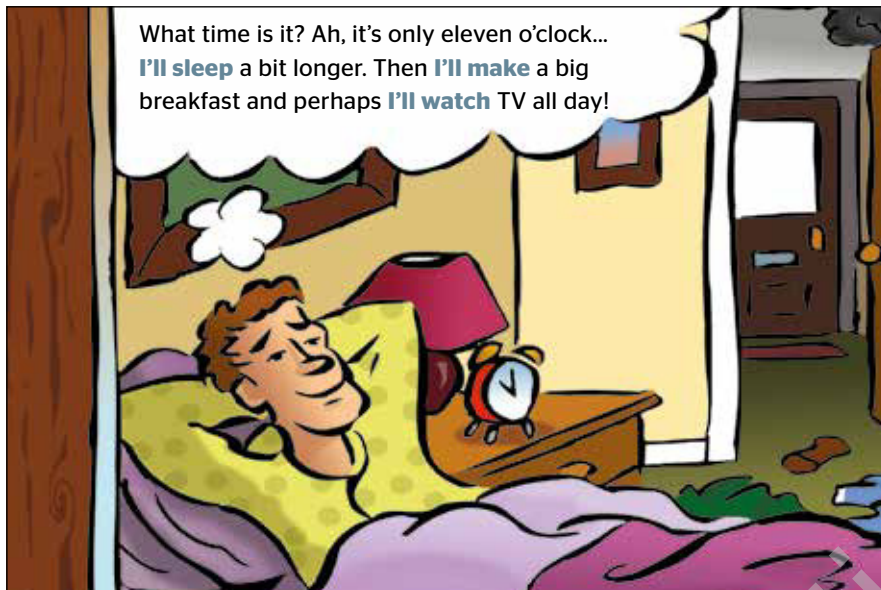
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# Unit 13 (6a)

## Future will

Look at the picture and read the speech bubble.



### Future will

Affirmative	Negative	Questions
I He/She/It      will work We/You/They	I He/She/It      will not / won't work We/You/They	Will      I He/She/It      work? We/You/They

We use Future will for:

• **offers.**

*I'll help you with your homework.*

• **promises.**

*I won't lie to you again, I promise.*

• **requests.**

*Will you help me with the washing-up?*

• **on-the-spot decisions.**

*I'm hungry. I'll have a sandwich.*

• **predictions**, usually with the verbs **think** and **believe**.

*I think he will be a great businessman one day.*

### TIME EXPRESSIONS

tomorrow, tonight, soon, next week/month /year  
in an hour / a week, etc.

## Activities

A. Match the sentences 1-6 with the responses a-f.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I really like this dress.</li> <li>2. Kathy, you didn't do very well in your test.</li> <li>3. I can't cook dinner, I'm too tired.</li> <li>4. I'm sorry I'm late for class.</li> <li>5. What will Sue do during the holidays?</li> <li>6. The restaurant is very far and I'm late.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Don't worry. I'll drive you there.</li> <li>b. I know, I'll try to study harder.</li> <li>c. She'll probably go to an island.</li> <li>d. That's all right, we'll order something.</li> <li>e. I'll buy it for you.</li> <li>f. Don't do it again or I'll phone your parents.</li> </ol> |
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**B. Look at the prompts and write questions and answers. Use the Future *will*.**

1. people / live / moon / future / ?

→ Yes

Will people live on the moon in the future?

Yes, they will.

2. astronauts / travel / Mars / next year / ?

→ No

3. people / have / cars / thirty years from now / ?

→ Yes / but / electric

4. people / work / future / ?

→ Yes / but / work from home

5. children / learn / from computers / soon?

→ Yes


6. people / live / forever / future / ?


→ No / but / live / longer


**C. Read the sentences below. Write sentences using the Future *will* and the prompts in the box.**


pass / exams    be / London / two hours    cook / spaghetti / dinner    buy / crisps and sandwiches    be / late

1.  I haven't eaten spaghetti for a long time.  
I'll cook spaghetti for dinner.

4.  Let's meet outside the art gallery at half past six. And don't worry. \_\_\_\_\_

2.  Mary hasn't bought any snacks for the picnic yet. \_\_\_\_\_

3.  Wendy is a good student and always studies hard. \_\_\_\_\_

5.  Danny left Bristol half an hour ago. \_\_\_\_\_



# Unit 14 (6b)

## Time Clauses

Look at the picture and read what the people are saying and thinking.



### Time Clauses

- Time clauses begin with **when, after, before, as soon as, until**, etc.
- When the sentence refers to the future, we usually use the **Present Simple** in the time clause and **Future will** in the main clause.

Time clauses	Main clauses
<i>As soon as it gets dark, Before Richard goes to the gym,</i>	<i>we'll go home. he'll wash his car.</i>

**NOTE** When the time clause comes before the main clause, the two clauses are separated by a comma.

## Activities

**A. Complete the dialogue with the Present Simple or the Future *will* of the verbs in brackets.**

**Stan** So, you're finishing university this year.

**Fred** That's right.

**Stan** So, what (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) when you (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (finish)?

**Fred** I don't know yet. But I think I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) looking for a job after I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) back from my holiday.

**Stan** Holiday? Have you got any money?

**Fred** No. But, you know what? I think I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a part-time job before I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (book) a holiday.

**Stan** That's more like it.

**Fred** (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / help) me look for a job?

**Stan** OK. I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you. We (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) as soon as I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home from work tomorrow. OK?

**Fred** Sure.

**Stan** And I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a newspaper on my way home.

**B. Expand the notes into sentences. Use the words given and times clauses.**

1. Alice / call / us / get / home **when**  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. They / go / home / have / dinner / friends **after**  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I / not play / computer games / finish / homework **until**  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. He / visit / parents / arrive / Paris **as soon as**  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. We / be / back / it / get / dark **before**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or the Future *will* of the verbs in brackets.**

1. **A:** Mary, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (help) me with the housework?  
**B:** Sure, as soon as I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) this exercise.
2. When our exams \_\_\_\_\_ (be) over, we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday.
3. Alfred \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the house as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ (get) ready.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not wait) until my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) shopping.

## Unit 15 (6c)

### be able to

Look at the picture and read the dialogue.



**A:** I think some time in the future people **will be able to live** on another planet.

**B:** Maybe, but first they should find a suitable planet. They **won't be able to live** on a planet without oxygen.

### be able to

- We usually use **can** to express ability in the present.      *The baby can speak.*
- We usually use **could** to express ability in the past.      *I could climb trees when I was young.*
- **Be able to** expresses ability and forms all tenses. It is mainly used in tenses where we cannot use **can**.  
*Jack will be able to play football on Saturday. He's feeling better.*

**NOTE****Could** expresses general ability in the past.**Was/were able to** expresses ability in a particular situation in the past.*I **could** draw well at the age of five.**The firefighters **were able to** put out the fire after two hours.**The firefighters **could** put out the fire after two hours.***But** There is no difference in meaning between **could** and **was/were able to** when used in the negative.

## Activities

### A. Circle the correct words.

1. Jeff **couldn't / wasn't able** buy the car he liked, because it was too expensive.
2. Bob will be 17 next month. Then he **will be able to / can't** get a driver's licence.
3. The manager **can't / couldn't** see you right now. If you make an appointment, he **will be able to / could** see you tomorrow morning at 10.00.
4. I **couldn't / was able to** find a hotel to book for that period, so we **can't / won't be able to** go there this summer.
5. In a few years' time, some lakes will be so polluted that fish **won't be able to / can't** live in them.
6. The thieves **could / were able to** escape through the open window.
7. I **won't be able to / wasn't able to** log in because I had forgotten my password.
8. Bill is working out at the moment, but he **will be able to / be able to** call you back in about an hour.
9. Suzanne **could / wasn't able to** speak a word of English when she first went to London, but now she **can / will be able to** speak fluently. You should hear her.
10. My dad **couldn't / wasn't able** use the computer but he's taking some computer lessons now and, in a few months, he **can / will be able to** do everything.

### B. Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

1. James \_\_\_\_\_ to walk when he was ten months old.  
a. can                      b. was able                      c. could
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the car yet.  
a. can't                      b. haven't been able                      c. couldn't
3. Gary \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the report.  
a. can't                      b. couldn't                      c. won't be able
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ to travel to China next month.  
a. won't be able                      b. couldn't                      c. can't
5. I don't think Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the race.  
a. wins                      b. will be able to win                      c. won't win
6. The firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ to put out the fire.  
a. has been                      b. were able                      c. will be able to able

### C. Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

1. I could ride a bike when I was six.                      **able**  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you able to speak Chinese?                      **can**  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. If you start saving money, you'll manage to buy a computer in six months.                      **able**  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. They weren't able to communicate because he wasn't listening very carefully.                      **couldn't**  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. It's impossible for me to sleep unless there's a light on.                      **can't**  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Revision 6

**A. Match the sentences 1 -6 with the responses a - f.**

- 1. Where is Mary?
- 2. What time is the meeting?
- 3. Please forgive me; it was a mistake.
- 4. I broke the window.
- 5. I have an appointment with the doctor and I'm late.
- 6. What is Kim planning to do this summer?

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- a. I was able to get through and they said you should be at the office at 8 o'clock.
- b. I'll lend you the car.
- c. She won't be able to come as she hasn't finished her homework yet.
- d. She'll probably visit her grandparents in the village.
- e. I hope this will be the last time.
- f. I hope Mum won't be angry when she comes home.

**B. Complete the blanks with the Present Simple or the Future *will* of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy) the document after they \_\_\_\_\_ (read) it.
- 2. Brad \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) save some money before he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on the cruise.
- 3. As soon as Dan \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) his project, he \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a week off.
- 4. I need some fresh air! I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a walk in the park.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (let) me know when your plane \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)?

**C. Write a paragraph expressing your opinion about what life will be like in 50 years' time.**




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