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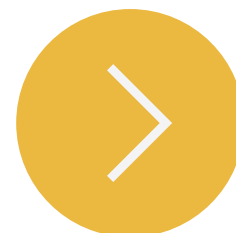
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WHAT IS THE FUTURE 1?

The future 1 is the tense used to express actions in the future.

EXAMPLES

The future tense with "werden" is also called the Future 1:

- „Wir **werden** ein neues Auto **kaufen**.“
- „Er **wird** wahrscheinlich nicht **kommen**.“
- „Ich **werde** nach Italien **fliegen**.“

CONSTRUCTION

We form the future tense together with the auxiliary verb "werden" (conjugated) + the infinitive form of the main verb:

	werden + Infinitive	
ich	werde	lernen.
du	wirst	
er/sie/es	wird	
wir	werden	
ihr	werdet	
sie/Sie	werden	

WORD ORDER

The regular word order with two verbs applies here:

Regular Main Clause:

	Position 2		End
Er	wird	mit dir	tanzen.

Yes / No Question:

Position 1			End
Wird	er	mit dir	tanzen?

WHEN DO WE USE THE FUTURE TENSE?

There are two ways to talk about the future:

1. Simple Present
+
Time Specification

2. The Future Tense

„Was **machst** du **morgen**?“

„Was **wirst** du morgen **machen**?“

FUTURE WITH PRÄSENS (SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE)

In German, the **Präsens with a specification of time** is often used to speak about the **future**. However, there is just one condition that needs to be fulfilled:

→ Something will happen more or less certain.

- „Wir **kaufen** nächsten Monat ein neues Auto.“

There must be a specification of time in the sentence, or the time, in general, must be known.

FUTURE WITH THE FUTUR 1 (THE FUTURE TENSE)

We use the actual future tense to express an intention, a prediction, or a guess.

You are not sure whether something will happen or not.

Theoretically, you can always use the Futur 1, but then you express some kind of uncertainty about whether it will occur not.

- „Er **wird** nächsten Monat (vielleicht) ein Auto **kaufen**.“

COMPARISON

- „Ich **werde** nach Italien **fliegen**.“

(That is a plan or rather a wish. Probably you haven't booked the ticket yet.)

- „Ich **fliege** nächsten Monat nach Italien.“

(That is a firm plan. It will happen for sure. You have most likely already booked the ticket.)

TASK



1. What do you think: Which form should be used to express a weather forecast?
2. Think about it and watch a TV weather forecast on N-TV, N24, or at the end of any other German-speaking news program.
3. Pay attention to how your German friends are talking about the future.

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