

Do you know the difference between shall and will?

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Most of us learn English to [improve your communication skills](#) and grow in our professional lives. While basic understanding of grammar is really important in your journey to [speak fluent English](#), it is equally vital to learn about tenses in-depth. Past, present and future tenses form the base of grammar. If you get confused between the usages of shall and will, pay attention. Let us look at a few examples to understand the difference between shall and will.



First of all, the auxiliary verbs ‘will’ and ‘shall’ are used for the future tense. However, shall is rarely used in a sentence. But, if we relate with British English, both shall and will are used interchangeably. Let us make the base clear.

Will

Will is used for expressing future plans and expectations.

Example: Sheetal will come on Sunday.

Shall

Whereas, shall is used to express politeness, and in legal statements, shall is used with a third-person subject for stating requirements.

Example: Sheetal shall come on Sunday.

If you want to convey the idea of something that is surely going to happen then the use of shall and will changes.

In the 1st person’s place, you use it as, “I will attend Joseph’s wedding”.

Whereas, in 2nd person’s place it is, “you shall attend Joseph’s wedding” and lastly,

In 3rd person’s place, “she shall attend Joseph’s wedding”.



first person.

Example:

- Shall I talk in English while meeting them?
- What shall we talk about?
- Shall I open the window?

When it comes to contractions, you need not worry whether to use shall or will because the contractions are likely to be the same.

The contraction for shall not is shan't while the contraction for will not is won't.

Therefore, the true difference is not universally recognized. While speaking in English you may use them interchangeably. What matters is the message that you are communicating, needs to be conveyed properly without any miscommunication. Being confident while speaking can help you develop your communication skills in a faster way. This will nevertheless improve your English fluency. However, the above examples show the correct usage of 'will' and 'shall' in English grammar. You can join a [spoken English course](#) and improve your English. Furthermore, you can improve your grammar knowledge with the help of an online English trainer.

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