



Will and Shall

Will and shall are both modal verbs and are followed by infinitives, use no “to” after them and have the same verb forms for all subjects. They both represent future forms. The past forms are would and should.

- ⇒ Historically, only “we” and “I” can be used as a subject for shall
- ⇒ Will is more informal and more common than shall
- ⇒ Shall shows more determination than will
- ⇒ When asking a question without a question word, “shall” provides suggestions whilst will clarifies decisions.

WILL

Positive Long Form	Positive Short Form	Negative long form	Negative short form	Question
will + inf	sub+'ll + inf	will not + inf	won't + inf	Will+ subj + inf?

SHALL

Positive Long Form	Positive Short Form	Negative long form	Negative short form	Question
shall + inf	sub+'ll + inf	shall not + inf	shan't + inf	Shall +subj + inf?