

El Futuro The Future Tense

To describe events and actions that **will** occur at some time in the future, the Future Tense is used in Spanish. Note the forms of the verb comprar:

yo	compraré	<i>I will buy</i>
tú	comprarás	<i>You will buy</i>
él,ella,ud.	comparará	<i>He,She,You will buy</i>
nosotros(as)	compraremos	<i>We will buy</i>
ellos,ellas,uds.	comprarán	<i>They, You All will buy</i>

- This is a **simple** tense. It requires only one verb.
- This tense is formed by taking the infinitive and adding:
é, ás, á, emos, án.
- The infinitive acts as the verb stem for most verbs.
- These endings are the same for all verbs in Spanish.

Examples

Tomás nunca **hablará** inglés en España.
Thomas will never speak English in Spain.

Iremos a Francia este verano.
We will go to France this summer.

Seré millonario algún día.
I will be a millionaire some day.

Formas del futuro irregulares (Irregular Future Tense Forms)

A few verbs in Spanish have irregular **stems** when forming their future tense.

decir	(to say,tell)	dir-
hacer	(to make,do)	har-
poder	(to be able to)	podr-
poner	(to put)	pondr-
salir	(to leave,go out)	saldr-
tener	(to have)	tendr-
venir	(to come)	vendr-
querer	(to want)	querr-
haber (hay)	(there is/are)	habr-
saber	(to know)	sabr-

- These stems use the same endings as regular future tense forms: **é, ás, á, emos, án**

Examples

Yo te **diré** cuando puedes salir.
*I **will tell** you when you can leave.*

Haremos las tareas después.
***We will do** the homework later.*

Manuel no **podrá** venir a la fiesta.
*Manuel **will not be able** to come to the party.*

El uso del futuro para indicar probabilidad *The Use of the Future Tense to Indicate Probability*

When guessing about something that is happening (at the present time) in Spanish, the future tense is used. Note the following examples:

¿Dónde está Juan?
Where is Juan?
No sé. **Estará** en la escuela.
*I don't know. **He's probably** in school.*

¿Cuántos años tiene ella?
How old is she?
No sé. **Tendrá** unos diecinueve años.
*I don't know. **She's probably** around nineteen years old.*