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The 'simple' future is so-named because it is a one-word tense. In other words, its formation is simple because there is no auxiliary. The stem of the simple future always ends with the letter **rr**, which is the characteristic sound of the future and conditional tenses.


For a list of irregular verbs which form their future in the same way as regular verbs do, see [future: regular](#).

### irregular future stems

Some irregular verbs also have irregular future stems. Nevertheless, the future endings are the same for all verbs: **-ai**, **-as**, **-a**, **-ons**, **-ez**, **-ont**. The future stem for the verb **être** is **ser-** and the future stem for the verb **avoir** is **aur-**.



<b>être 'to be'</b>	
je <b>serai</b> , I will be	nous <b>serons</b> , we will be
tu <b>seras</b> , you will be	vous <b>serez</b> , you will be
il, elle / on <b>sera</b> , he, she (it) / one will be	ils / elles <b>seront</b> , they will be



<b>avoir 'to have'</b>	
j' <b>aurai</b> , I will have	nous <b>aurons</b> , we will have
tu <b>auras</b> , you will have	vous <b>aurez</b> , you will have
il, elle / on <b>aura</b> , he, she (it) / one will have	ils / elles <b>auront</b> , they will have

Here are the most common verbs that have irregular future stems:



<b>infinitive</b>	<b>stem</b>	<b>future</b>	<b>translation</b>
aller	<b>ir-</b>	j'irai	I will go
courir	<b>courr-</b>	je courrai	I will run
devoir	<b>devr-</b>	je devrai	I will be obliged to
envoyer	<b>enverr-</b>	j'enverrai	I will send
faire	<b>fer-</b>	je ferai	I will do
falloir	<b>faudr-</b>	il faudra	it will be necessary
mourir	<b>mourr-</b>	je mourrai	I will die
obtenir	<b>obtiendr-</b>	j'obtiendrai	I will obtain
pleuvoir	<b>pleuvr-</b>	il pleuvra	it will rain
pouvoir	<b>pourr-</b>	je pourrai	I will be able
recevoir	<b>recevr-</b>	je recevrai	I will receive
savoir	<b>saur-</b>	je saurai	I will know
tenir	<b>tiendr-</b>	je tiendrai	I will hold

venir	<b>viendr-</b>	je viendrai	I will come
voir	<b>verr-</b>	je verrai	I will see
vouloir	<b>voudr-</b>	je voudrai	I will want

### future stems of verbs with spelling changes

Verbs with spelling changes like **appeler**, **employer**, and **acheter** add **-r** to the present tense **je** form to create their future stems:



present tense	stem	future	translation
j'appelle	<b>appeller-</b>	j'appellerai	I will call
j'emploie	<b>employer-</b>	j'emploierai	I will use
j'achète	<b>acheter-</b>	j'achèterai	I will buy

Other -er verbs with spelling changes including **préférer**, **manger**, and **commencer** have **regular future** stems.

### uses

The simple future is used to refer to future events, that is, to make predictions. It is more formal than the immediate future, although both tenses may be used in most contexts. For further details, see [future: usage](#).



Tammy est en train d'écrire un livre de science-fiction:

En l'an 3000, il ne **pleuvra** plus sur la planète Terre. Tout le monde **aura** très peur et des centaines de personnes **mourront**. Le sol **deviendra** stérile. Certains **iront** vivre sur la Lune. Les autres **devront** habiter sur Mars. Les villes terrestres **seront** totalement vides. Personne ne **voudra** croire qu'autrefois la vie sur la Terre était merveilleuse.

Alors, Tex, tu aimes mon livre?

Tex: Ah, ma pauvre Tammy, tu n'es pas douée ... C'est nul!

Tammy is writing a science-fiction book:

In the year 3000, it will not rain any longer on the planet Earth. Everybody will be very afraid and hundreds of people will die. The soil will become sterile. Some people will go to live on the Moon. Others will have to live on Mars. The cities on the Earth will be totally empty. No one will believe that once upon a time life on earth was wonderful.

So, Tex, do you like my book?

Tex: Ah, my poor Tammy, you are not talented ... It's hopeless!



Give the futur simple of the verb indicated in parentheses.

1. Tex et Tammy \_\_\_\_\_ la Tour Eiffel. (voir)
2. Tammy \_\_\_\_\_ toujours la cuisine. (faire)
3. Paw-Paw: Je \_\_\_\_\_ tout seul à Opelousas. (mourir)
4. Tex: J'\_\_\_\_\_ beaucoup d'amirateurs. (avoir)
5. Tammy: Tex et moi, nous \_\_\_\_\_ très contents. (être)
6. Tex: Mes neveux, vous \_\_\_\_\_ en France, n'est-ce pas? (aller)
7. Tex: Tammy, tu \_\_\_\_\_ trop de vêtements. (acheter)
8. Tammy \_\_\_\_\_ des cadeaux aux neveux de Tex. (envoyer)
9. Joe-Bob \_\_\_\_\_ son diplôme. (ne pas obtenir)
10. Tammy: Tex, est-ce que tu \_\_\_\_\_ m'écrire souvent? (pouvoir)
11. Bette \_\_\_\_\_ tous les secrets de Tex. (savoir)
12. Tammy et Bette \_\_\_\_\_ des prix culinaires. (recevoir)