

# El futuro

Explain the following sentences in English:

- a) *En el futuro viviré en una casa grande en la costa de España.*
- b) *En el futuro iré de vacaciones a Australia y a Japón.*
- c) *En el futuro seré actor en una película de ciencia ficción.*

Can you identify the Spanish for:

1. I will go
2. I will be
3. I will live

The future tense in Spanish i.e. saying what you will do is created by taking the infinitive i.e. the verb ending in either -AR, -ER or -IR. You then add the following endings to indicate I, you, he/she, we, you, they:

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|--------|--|
| I      | <b>-é</b>                              |
| You    | <b>-ás</b>                             |
| He/she | <b>-á</b>                              |
| We     | <b>-emos</b> (only one with no accent) |
| You    | <b>-éis</b>                            |
| They   | <b>-án</b>                             |

For example: Hablar (to talk) + -é = I will talk  
Vivir (to live) + -é = I will live  
Comer (to eat) + -é = I will eat

Make the following future tenses:

1. hablar - hablaré = I will talk
2. vivir - \_\_\_\_\_ = I will live
3. comprar - \_\_\_\_\_ = She will buy
4. visitar - \_\_\_\_\_ = We will visit
5. comer - \_\_\_\_\_ = You (singular) will eat
6. ser - \_\_\_\_\_ = They will be
7. ir - \_\_\_\_\_ = He will go
8. aprender - \_\_\_\_\_ = We will learn
9. trabajar - \_\_\_\_\_ = You (plural) will work
10. escribir - \_\_\_\_\_ = They will write

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A small group of verbs do not use the infinitive for the future tense. Instead they have a slightly modified stem. These have to be learnt:

| VERB   | MEANING         | FUTURE STEM |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| Decir  | To say          | Dir_        |
| Hacer  | To do / To make | Har_        |
| Poder  | To be able      | Podr_       |
| Poner  | To put          | Pondr_      |
| Querer | To want         | Querr_      |
| Saber  | To know         | Sabr_       |
| Salir  | To go out       | Saldr_      |
| Tener  | To have         | Tendr_      |
| Venir  | To come         | Vendr_      |

How do you say the following in Spanish:  
(all are irregular verbs)

1. I will say = Diré
2. You will do = Harás
3. We will be able = \_\_\_\_\_
4. They will put = \_\_\_\_\_
5. I will want = \_\_\_\_\_
6. You will know = \_\_\_\_\_
7. She will go out = \_\_\_\_\_
8. I will have = \_\_\_\_\_
9. We will come = \_\_\_\_\_

Now put the following into Spanish. Check first whether the verb is regular or irregular.

1. In the future I will live in Spain.
2. In the future she will work in a hospital.
3. In the future you (singular) will visit the USA.
4. In the future you will know the truth.
5. In the future they will have many children.
6. In the future they will come from other planets. (de otros planetas)
7. In the future we will be able to fly. (volar - to fly)
8. In the future I will want a big car.