

Will for spontaneous decisions getting reactions card game

Work in groups of two or three. Deal out all the actions and/ or times cards that your teacher gives you. You can look at all your cards, but don't show them to your partner(s). Say something to your partner to try to get an "I'll..." spontaneous decision sentence from them, e.g. a phrase using something from the box below such as "Have you heard that it is going to rain?" Continue with similar sentences until you get an "I'll..." sentence from them. All "I'll..." answers must include a time, and students can't answer with things written on their own cards. If the response from your partner matches one of your cards e.g. "I'll buy an umbrella then" if you have the "I'll buy..." card, you can discard that card and score one point. Take turns doing the same thing until your teacher stops the game. The person who has fewest cards left in their hand wins the game.

Useful phrases for getting "I'll..." in responses

Have you heard that...?

... asked/ told...

... going to...

... need(s)...

... has/ have to...

... don't/ doesn't...

... has/ have (not) (been) + PP

... has/ have arranged...

... is/ are(n't)... (ing) (...)

... too...

... not enough...

... really/ so...

I can't...

There is(n't)/ There are(n't)...

Useful phrases for starting responses

I can't... so I'll...

Oh/ Ah. I didn't know that. In that case,...

Useful phrases for responding to "I'll..." sentences

Thank you very much. It's much appreciated.

Look under the fold below if you have problems making sentences to get will in responses

-----fold, cover or cut-----

- ... don't/ doesn't know/ know how to/ like...
- ... has/ have been broken.../ run out of.../ been cancelled/ been put back/ been brought forward
- I can't see/ find/ understand/ contact/ reach/ make it to...
- There is(n't)/ There are(n't)...
- ... has/ have arranged...
- ... isn't available/ isn't working
- ... too busy/ expensive/ difficult

When you finish the game, brainstorm some endings for these time expressions:

I'll... this...

I'll... at...

I'll... on...

I'll... in...

What two different uses does "in" have to talk about the future?

Will plus action cards

I'll ask/ tell...	I'll bring/ take/ get...	I'll buy/ order...
I'll call/ phone...	I'll cancel/ change...	I'll check/ find out (...)
I'll come/ go...	I'll email/ send...	I'll give you a lift (= a ride).
I'll give...	I'll help (...).	I'll lend...
I'll move...	I'll pass...	I'll write...

Will plus time cards

I'll... within the next...	I'll... after/ before...
I'll... as soon as possible/ as I can.	I'll... at...
I'll... in...	I'll... on...
I'll... by Friday.	I'll... by (the end of)...
I'll... (by the end of) today.	I'll... later (today).
I'll... next...	I'll... straightaway/ right away/ now.
I'll... the day after tomorrow.	I'll... this weekend/ at the weekend.
I'll... this...	I'll... tomorrow (morning/ afternoon).