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The Future Tense

The future tense is used to express actions that take place in the future. It refers to both the immediate and the remote future. This is a simple tense, in that it has no helping verb in Spanish. In English, the auxiliaries *will* or *shall* are used: *Irene will drink the water*, for example.

Formation of the Future Tense

Most verbs in the future tense are regular. To form the future tense, use the infinitive as the stem and add the following endings to the infinitive: **-é**, **-ás**, **-á**, **-emos**, **-éis**, **-án**. The endings are the same for all **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir** verbs. Notice that only the **nosotros** form does not carry a written accent. The following list includes new verbs so that you can expand your vocabulary as you practice the pronunciation.

Regular Verbs

-Ar Verbs

cantar *to sing*

yo cantaré	*I will sing*	nosotros cantaremos	*we will sing*
tú cantarás	*you will sing*	vosotros cantaréis	*you will sing*
él cantará	*he will sing*	ellos cantarán	*they will sing*
ella cantará	*she will sing*	ellas cantarán	*they will sing*
Ud. cantará	*you will sing*	Uds. cantarán	*you will sing*