

Misused Verbs: Will/Would

Name: _____

Some sentences that are talking about situations that haven't happened yet can be confusing. It can be hard to tell whether to use "will" or "would."



Which sentence is correct?

"Andrew said he **will** help me study for the test."

or

"Andrew said he **would** help me study for the test."

How can you tell? The key is in the verb tense just before you need to use the "will" or "would." If the **verb is in the past tense**, like "said" above, the correct word is "**would**." If the verb is in the **present tense**, like "says," the correct word is "**will**." So the **two correct ways** to say what Andrew will do are: "**Andrew said he would help me study for the test,**" AND "**Andrew says he will help me study for the test.**"

Choose "will" or "would" to complete each sentence.

1. If he doesn't finish his chores, he _____ (will/would) get in trouble.
2. If he got another speeding ticket, he _____ (will/would) lose his license.
3. My generous sister says that she _____ (will/would) loan me her shirt.
4. His elderly father promised that he _____ (will/would) stop smoking.
5. Our wonderful mother said that she _____ (will/would) drive us home.
6. If we don't pay the income tax, we _____ (will/would) go to jail.
7. My Spanish teacher told us that she _____ (will/would) give us a test.
8. If it started to rain any harder, it _____ (will/would) flood the yard.
9. Yesterday, my parents decided they _____ (will/would) move to Hawaii.
10. If I fill out the application well, I _____ (will/would) get the car loan.