Future Tense

Class Objective:

I will be able to learn to use the future tense in Dutch.

Concept A: Introduction

- 'zullen + infinitive' constitutes the future tense.
- It is the formal way to talk about a future event.

ik	zal + infinitive
je	zult + infinitive
hij	zal + infinitive
we	zullen + infinitive
jullie	zullen + infinitive
ze	zullen + infinitive

Concept B: Use of 'zullen+infinitive'

Zullen + infinitive is more similar to 'shall' than to 'will'.

We use it to:

Express a promise or a proposal

stress that something will most certainly happen (it is bound to happen) express that an event is likely going to take place (by explicitly mentioning the probability)

We do not use it when we casually talk about events that are going to take place in the future. By 'casually', it is meant that we are not stressing that the event must take place, nor do we give any indication about the probability of the event. We also do not use it in conditional (if-then) sentences.

Expressing a promise, a proposal, or a solemn plan:

Ik zal het nooit meer doen!	I shall not do it again (I promise!)
Zal ik de afwas doen?	Shall I do the dishes?
Ik zal daar geen genoegen mee nemen!	I will not settle for that!

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