

Auxiliary verbs

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

/ / — formal future

(and /) marks a **future** action in formal or written Chinese — “will, shall, is going to.” It’s the news-and-notice equivalent of the spoken / .

Structure: Subject + / / + Verb Phrase

{zh: |dà huì|the conference / |jiāng|will / |yú|on / |míng tiān|tomorrow / |kāi shǐ|begin / 。 }

The conference will begin tomorrow.

{zh: |tā|he / |jiāng|will / |chéng wéi|become / |yí ge|a / |hǎo|good / |bà ba|father / 。 }

He will make a good father.

Remember: = the written “will” — the register of news and notices (); in speech you’d say / . It combines freely: , , same meaning. (The very same also serves as a formal — context decides.)

Watch out

- Reserve it for formal/written contexts — in casual chat sounds stiff.