future

adjective  fu·ture  \ˈfyü-chər\  

Simple Definition of FUTURE  
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- coming after the present time: existing in the future
- —used to say what someone or something will be

Full Definition of FUTURE  
1. 1: that is to be; specifically: existing after death
2. 2: of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense expressive of time yet to come
3. 3: existing or occurring at a later time <met his future wife>
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Examples of FUTURE  
1. We cannot predict future events.
2. Future generations will benefit from this research.

Origin of FUTURE  
Middle English, from Anglo-French & Latin; Anglo-French, from Latin futurus about to be — more at be

First Known Use: 14th century

Related to FUTURE  
Synonyms  
coming, unborn

Antonyms  
bygone, past
Related Words
approaching, forthcoming, imminent, impending, nearing, oncoming, pending, upcoming; after, ensuing, later, posterior, subsequent; anticipated, awaited, expected, planned, predicted, projected, prospective; eventual, final, last, ulterior, ultimate

Near Antonyms
ancient, olden; antecedent, anterior, precedent, preceding, previous, prior

Rhymes with FUTURE
moocher, suture

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**Simple Definition of FUTURE**
- : the period of time that will come after the present time
- the future : the events that will happen after the present time
- : the condition or situation of someone or something in the time that will come

**Full Definition of FUTURE**
1. 1a : time that is to come b : what is going to happen
2. 2: an expectation of advancement or progressive development
3. 3: something (as a bulk commodity) bought for future acceptance or sold for future delivery —usually used in plural <grain futures>
4. 4a : the future tense of a language b : a verb form in the future tense
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