

future

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adjective fu·ture \ˈfyü-chər\

Simple Definition of FUTURE

Popularity: Bottom 50% of words

- : 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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noun fu·ture

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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