

WERDEN Basic Introduction

Werden is one of the most important verbs in the German language.
This verb has several meanings and a variety of uses.
The beginning student of German should learn the basic meanings and forms of *werden*.
Many grammar features in German depend on the verb *werden*.
It is good to learn this verb early in the study of the language.
Werden is an irregular verb. Its conjugations must be memorized.

ich	werde	wir	werden
du	wirst	ihr	werdet
er / sie / es	wird	Sie /sie	werden

The *LEXICAL* meaning of *werden* = *to change into, to become, to turn into, to turn, to get*

Wirst du reich?	Are you getting rich?
Sie werden alt.	They are getting old.
Das Wetter wird schlecht.	The weather is turning bad.
Ich werde krank.	I'm getting sick.
Wie alt wirst du?	How old are you turning? (How old will you be?)

The *AUXILIARY* meaning of *werden* = *future tense, will, shall, is/are going to*

Werdet ihr zu Hause bleiben?	Are you guys going to stay home?
Ich werde das nicht machen.	I will not do that.
Die Firma wird ein Info-blatt austeilen.	The firm will distribute a newsletter.
Wir werden nächstes Jahr in Deutschland sein.	We are going to be in Germany next year.

Exercises for translation. Render the following sentences into grammatically correct German using the verb *werden*.
Refer to the examples above to check your work.

1.
I'm getting sick.
2.
I will not do that.
3.
They are getting old.
4.
We are going to be in Germany next year.
5.
The firm will distribute a newsletter.
6.
Are you getting rich?
7.
How old are you turning? (How old will you be?)
8.
Are you guys going to stay home?
9.
The weather is turning bad.