The distinction between **will** and **shall** is becoming less important. In British English both will and shall are used with first person pronouns to express ideas such as willingness. In American English, shall is not normally used to express this idea.

**Complete the following sentences using shall or will.**

1. I ……………………. leave for Calcutta tomorrow.
   a) will
   b) shall
   c) Either could be used here

2. We ………………….. discuss the matter with the Principal.
   a) will
   b) shall
   c) Either could be used here

3. I ……………………… be eighteen next Monday.
   a) will
   b) shall
   c) Either could be used here

4. We ……………………… invite them to dinner.
   a) will
   b) shall
   c) Either could be used here

5. You ….……………….. go at once. (command).
   a) will
   b) shall
   c) Either could be used here

6. He …………………….. carry out my instructions. (command)
   a) will
   b) shall
   c) Either could be used here

7. He …………………….. be given a present if the passes this year. (Futurity)
Will or shall exercise

a) will
b) shall
c) Either could be used here

8. You ...................... get a medal if you stand first.
   a) will
   b) shall
   c) Either could be used here

9. ....................... I help you?
   a) will
   b) shall
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Answers

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7. He **will** be given a present if the passes this year. (Futurity)

8. You **will** get a medal if you stand first.

9. **Shall** I help you?