

Will in If-Clauses and Actuality (In Honour of Professor Kenji Noguchi and Professor Osamu Osaka On the Occasion of Their Retirement)

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Pure-future *will* in *if*-clauses has long been a dispute among linguists. Yet there are few who concentrate on the semantic and pragmatic characteristics of the *if*-clauses with *will*. One of the salient characteristics is that the situation described in *if*-clauses with *will* is regarded as very likely or inevitable, or that some *if*-clauses of this type may be an echo of a statement made or implied before. This paper aims at explaining the above characteristics by showing that *if*-clauses with *will* propose a real condition (that is, a condition within the real world), whereas *if*-clauses without *will* propose a theoretical condition (that is, a condition within the speaker's mind).