



Future continuous

The future continuous tense is a verb tense that shows an action happening over a period of time in the future. “I will be dancing all night” is an example of the future continuous tense, as it indicates an action continuing over a specific future period of time. Compare it to this sentence, written in the simple future tense: “I will dance.” Although this example indicates an intention to dance in the future, it does not refer to a continuous action over a specific period of time in the future.

The future continuous tense can be confusing because it sometimes seems interchangeable with other future tenses. Below, we cover the specifics of the future continuous tense so you know when to use it—and when not to use it.

What is the future continuous tense?

The future continuous tense, also known as the future progressive tense, is a verb tense that shows an ongoing action in the future. It is the future version of the present continuous tense, which uses a similar construction.

*“I **will be debugging** the code for the new feature implementation.”
(future continuous)*

*“I **am debugging** the code for the new feature implementation.”
(present continuous)*

It is helpful to use the future continuous tense when describing:

- multiple actions happening in the future
- planned or confirmed future events taking place at a specific time

