

Future perfect

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# Form and use

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We use the future perfect simple (will/shall have + past participle) to talk about something that will be completed before a specific time in the future.

- The guests are coming at 8 p.m. I'll have finished cooking by then.
- On 9 October we'll have been married for 50 years.
- Will you have gone to bed when I get back?



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We can use phrases like by or by the time (meaning 'at some point before') and in or in a day's time / in two months' time / in five years' time etc. (meaning 'at the end of this period') to give the time period in which the action will be completed.

- By the time we arrive, the kids will have gone to bed.
- In three years' time, I'll have graduated from university.

Future continuous

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We can use the future continuous (will/won't be + -ing form) to talk about future actions that:

- will be in progress at a specific time in the future:

When you come out of school tomorrow, I'll be boarding a plane.

Try to call before 8 o'clock. After that, we'll be watching the match.

- we see as new, different or temporary:

Today we're taking the bus but next week we'll be taking the train.

He'll be staying with his parents for several months while his father is in recovery.

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Cambridge Objective First, 4th edition, p. 170

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- To indicate **certainty**, when we are thinking ahead to a certain point in the future.

Tom will be sharing an office with Fran.