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**THE FUTURE**

**SIMPLE PRESENT**

When we know about the future, we normally use the present tense.

. **We use the present simple for something scheduled:  
  
The train arrives at 6.30 in the morning.**

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS**  
  
**We can use the present continuous for plans or arrangements**:  
  
**They are coming to see us tomorrow**.  
**We are playing a football match next Friday**

**FUTURE SIMPLE                                                                                    
  
We use the future simple when we express  predictions about the future:  
  
I think Brazil will win the world cup.  
I hope you will come to my party**.  
  
**to make offers and promises :  
  
I'll see you tomorrow.  
We'll send you an email.**

**For instant decisions**

**There is no meat in the fridge.I will buy some**  
**BE GOING TO**  
  
We use **be going to** to talk about plans or intentions:  
  
**I'm going to drive to work today.**t**o make predictions based on evidence we can see:**  
  
**Be careful! You are going to fall. (= I can see that you might fall.)**  
**Look at those black clouds. I think it's going to rain. (= I can see that it will rain**.)  
  
**FUTURE CONTINUOUS**

**We use will be with an -ing form for something happening before and after a specific time in the future:**  
  
**I'll be working at eight o'clock. Can you come later?  
They'll be waiting for you when you arrive.**  
 **We use modals may, might and could when we are not sure about the future:**  
**I might stay at home tonight or I might go to the cinema.  
We could see Imane at the meeting. She sometimes goes.**  
**FUTURE PERFECT**  
  
**We use the future perfect simple (will/won't 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 October 9th we'll have been married for 30 years.  
Will you have gone to bed when I get back?**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.  
  
**I won't have written all the reports by next week.**

**By the time we arrive, the kids will have gone to bed.**

**I'll have finished in an hour and then we can watch a film.**

**In three years' time, I'll have graduated from university.**

**FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

The future perfect continuous, also sometimes called the future perfect progressive, is a

verb tense that describes actions that will continue up until a point in the future. The future perfect continuous consists of **will + have + been + the verb + -ing.**

**In November, I will have been working at my company for three years.**

**At five o’clock, I will have been waiting for thirty minutes.**