



# Future Perfect Continuous Tense

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# Exercise 1 – Learning

## How to Form the Future Perfect Continuous Tense

Positive form: **will + have been + verb-ing**

- By tomorrow, I **will have been working** for 12 hours. (I'll **have been working** for 12 hours.)
- By tomorrow, you **will have been working** for 12 hours. (You'll **have been working** for 12 hours.)
- By tomorrow, he/she/it **will have been working** for 12 hours. (He/She/It'll **have been working** for 12 hours.)
- By tomorrow, we **will have been working** for 12 hours. (We'll **have been working** for 12 hours.)
- By tomorrow, they **will have been working** for 12 hours. (They'll **have been working** for 12 hours.)



Negative form: **will + not + have been + verb-ing**

- In July, I **will not have been teaching** for 8 years. (I **won't have been teaching** for 8 years.)
- In July, she **will not have been exercising**. (She **won't have been exercising**.)

Interrogative form: '**the subject**' and '**will**' switch places

- **Will I have been teaching** the students for long?
- **Will you have been working** when we meet?
- **Will she have been living** here for long when she moves?



## **Future Perfect Continuous Tense Usage**

This tense is used:

**1. To say 'how long' for an action that starts before and continues up to another action or time in the future.**

- In April, she **will have been teaching** for 4 years.
- By the time you arrive, I'll **have been cooking** for hours.

**2. To talk about something that finishes just before another time or action in the future.**

- When I see you, I'll **have been studying**, so I'll be tired.



## Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the future perfect continuous form of the verb in brackets.*

1. They \_\_\_\_\_, so they'll want to go to bed early. (travel)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ in this company for twenty years when I retire. (work)
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ her boyfriend for three years when they get married. (see)
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ here for ten years next month. (live)
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ TV all afternoon. (not watch)
6. David \_\_\_\_\_ coffee all morning. (not drink)
7. Megan \_\_\_\_\_ tennis, so she'll be hungry. (play)
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ English for ten months when he takes the exam. (not study)



## Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

*Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.*

**Example:** watch the film. → She will have been watching the film for three hours at 10 pm.

### Content:

1. walk the dog
2. play computer games
3. call my parents
4. meet her friends
5. cook the dinner
6. drive my car