

Future Continuous Tense

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Exercise 1 – Learning

How to Form the Future Continuous Tense

Positive form: **will** + **be** + **verb-ing**

- I will be cooking. (I'll be cooking.)
- You will be cooking. (You'll be cooking.)
- He/She/It will be cooking. (He/She/It'll be cooking.)
- We will be cooking. (We'll be cooking.)
- They will be cooking. (They'll be cooking.)

Tip: As with the future simple tense, usually we use the short form ('ll + be + verb-ing) when we are speaking. We can't use the future continuous tense with **stative verbs**.

Negative form: will not/won't + be + verb-ing

- I will not be working. (I won't be working.)
- They will not be sleeping. (They won't be sleeping.)



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

- Will I be cooking?
- Will you be dancing?
- Will it be snowing?

Future Continuous Tense Usage

We use the future continuous tense to:

- 1. talk about an action in the future that overlaps another, shorter action or a time:
 - I'll be waiting when you arrive.
 - At eight o'clock, she'll be eating dinner.
- 2. talk about something that will happen if everything happens as we expect:
 - The Government will be making a statement later.
 - When will you be leaving?



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the verb in future continuous tense form.

- 1. At 4 o'clock tomorrow, I _____ in my office. (work)
- 2. When she arrives, Julie _____ a film. (not watch)
- 3. When the boss comes, _____ a meeting? (they have)
- 4. When I arrive, Megan and Tom _____. (not cook)
- 5. At 8 o'clock, where _____? (I wait)
- 6. When I come home, I _____ some coffee. (make)
- 7. Tomorrow, David _____ the internet. (not use)
- 8. She _____ at the gym. (exercise)



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

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

Example: sleep. → Will you be sleeping at 9 o'clock?

Content:

- 1. take the bus to work.
- 2. drink tea.
- 3. walk my dog.
- 4. come home from work.
- 5. relax.
- 6. go to bed.