

GRAMMAR

Future perfect and future continuous

LEVEL

Upper-Intermediate
(B2)

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can form the future perfect simple and use it in a sentence.
- I can form the future continuous and use it in a sentence.



Warm-up

**What do you think
the world will be like
in 50 years' time?**

Share your ideas as a class.





The future continuous

- We form the future continuous with: **will be** + **-ing form**.
- We use the **future continuous** to talk about an **action** which will be **in progress** at a **certain time in the future**.

will be

-ing form

This time tomorrow I **will be**

exercising.

In 20 years' time, we **will be**

working until we are 80 years old.

What **will** you **be**

doing at 10 a.m. tomorrow?

I **won't be**

working at this time on Sunday.

The future continuous

- We also use the **future continuous** to talk about things which will happen in the **normal course of events**.



I **will be seeing** John at dinner so I'll give him your message.

Sue **will be passing** by the office after work so she can pick you up.



In speaking, we usually use contractions: ***I'll be seeing***; ***she'll be passing by***.



The future continuous

- We also use it to **ask politely** or **tentatively** about the future.

Future continuous

Will your boss **be having** a meeting with Gordon in London?

Will they **be using** the meeting room this afternoon?

Will you **be seeing** James later?

Will you **be using** the computer this afternoon?

Will she **be coming** to dinner with you?

Will you **be needing** anything else?



Fill in the gaps

- **Complete** the sentences by putting the verb in the **future continuous**.

1. _____ you _____
(*watch*) TV this evening?

→ No I _____ (*work*) on my presentation all evening.

2. Can I phone the client now or do you think she _____ (*eat*)?

→ She _____ probably _____ (*work*). She usually has lunch quite late.

3. What time does your plane land?

→ 3 a.m. _____ you _____ (*pick*) me up from the airport?

4. _____ you _____ (*use*) your computer in the next few minutes?

→ No, you can use it.

5. Why are you buying all those cakes?

→ It's Sarah's birthday so she _____ (*expect*) some sort of gift.



Complete the sentences

Choose the correct verb. **Transform** it into the **future continuous**.

- 1 Three quarters of the population of the world _____ in large cities.
- 2 Robots _____ lots of our jobs, including healthcare and customer service work.
- 3 50% of people _____ from home rather than going to the office every day.
- 4 People _____ later because our life expectancy will be longer.

live
retire
do
work



Discuss

Now discuss the predictions from the previous page.

Which ones do you think will come true?





The future perfect

- We form the future perfect using: **will have** + **past participle**.
- We use the **future perfect** to talk about an **action** which will be **finished before a certain time** in the future.

Affirmative	Negative	Question
I will have finished my tasks by 4 p.m.	I won't have finished my tasks before 4 p.m.	Will you have finished your tasks by 4 p.m.?
My salary will have gone up by the end of this year.	My salary won't have gone up by the end of this year.	Will my salary have gone up by the end of this year?



The future perfect

- The **future perfect** is often used with the words *by* and *in*.

by

He will have finished it *by* tomorrow.

Officials will have counted all votes *by* Thursday.

By 2050, the average retirement age will have increased to 65.

in

I will have retired *in* 20 years' time.

In two weeks' time, we will have completed the project.

In a week, I will have interviewed all of the candidates.



In speaking, we use contractions: *I'll have retired*; *we'll have completed*



The future perfect

- Here are some typical phrases that are followed by the **future perfect**:

by the time	by this time	by the end of
by the time I'm 40...	by this time next month...	by the end of the year...
by the time I retire...	by this time next week...	by the end of the decade...
by the time we go to bed...	by this time next year...	by the end of the century...





Put in the future perfect simple

Use the verb in parentheses in your sentence.

1 Tanya _____ (*repair*) her car by next week.

2 I _____ work by around 7 o'clock. (*finish*)

3 We _____ (*visit*) four different countries by the end of the year.

4 We'll need to buy more food. He _____ (*leave, not*) by tomorrow.

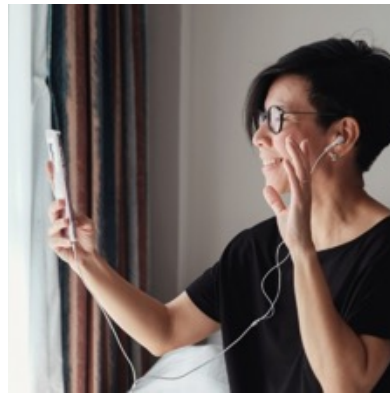
5 How long _____ (*be*) with the company by next month?



Writing

List four things you **will have done** by 10 pm tonight. **Share** your list with a partner.

By 10 pm, I'll have...





Fill in the gaps

Use either the future continuous or future perfect.

1. Sorry but I definitely _____ (*not, finish*) the report by 7 p.m.
2. _____ (*he/eat*) dinner with us tomorrow?
3. Matt _____ to bed (*go*) by now. He goes to bed at 9 p.m. every day.
4. _____ (*they/have*) lunch before they come or should I prepare something?
5. Anna _____ (*not, work*) next week because she is going on holiday.



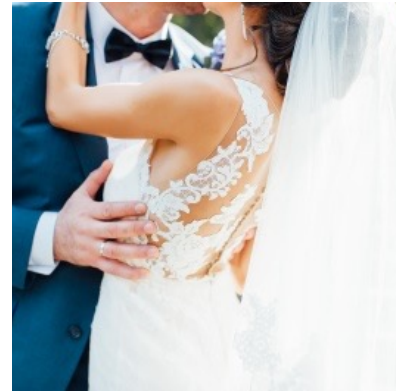


Talking about retirement

Interview a classmate in **breakout rooms** or as a class.

What are some things you will have done by the time you retire?

What do think you will be doing when you are retired?



For breakout rooms:
Find **one similarity**
between you!



End of the lesson

Idiom

pigs might fly

Meaning: used to show you don't believe something will ever happen

Example: - In 5 years' time, all our jobs will have been replaced by robots.
- Yes, and **pigs might fly!**



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps

Use the **negative** form of the **future perfect** or **future continuous**.

1. By the time I'm 70, I _____ (*go*) skydiving.
2. When I'm old, I definitely _____ (*work*) anymore!
3. 50 years from now, I'm pretty sure I _____ (*lose*) touch with my best friend. We're inseparable!
4. In 30 years' time, I _____ (*live*) in the same place that I am now.
5. When I'm older, I reckon I still _____ (*see*) all my favourite artists in concert. There are just too many!





Complete the sentences for you



This time next month...

This time next year...

By the time I'm 50...

By the time I'm 60...





Imagine you're 18 years old again!

How would you finish these two sentences?

By the time I'm 25, I...



**Better yet, by the time
I'm 30, I...**



Discuss



**Think back to
your answers on
the last slide.**

**How did your life
actually turn out?**





Answer key

- P. 7:**
1. Will you be watching; I will (or I'll) be working.
 2. She will (or she'll) be eating; She will (or she'll) be probably be working.
 3. Will you be picking
 4. Will you be using
 5. She will (or she'll) be expecting
- P. 8:**
1. will be living
 2. will be doing
 3. will be working
 4. will be retiring
- P. 13:**
1. will have repaired
 2. will have finished
 3. will have visited
 4. won't have left
 5. will you have been



Answer key

- P. 15:**
1. won't have finished.
 2. Will he be eating
 3. will have gone
 4. will they have had
 5. won't be working
- P. 20:**
1. won't have gone
 2. won't be working
 3. won't have lost
 4. won't be living
 5. won't have seen



Summary

The future continuous

- We form the future continuous with: **will be + -ing form** of the verb.
- We use it to talk about an **action** which will be **in progress** at a **certain time in the future**.
- *This time tomorrow, I'll be exercising.*

More uses of the future continuous

- To talk about things which will happen in the **normal course of events**. e.g. *I will be seeing John at dinner, so I'll give him your message.*
- To **ask politely** or **tentatively** about the future. e.g. *Will you be seeing James later?*

The future perfect

- We form the future perfect using: **will have + past participle**.
- We use the **future perfect** to talk about an **action** which will be **finished before** a **certain time** in the future. e.g. *I will have finished my tasks by 4 p.m.*

The future perfect with *by* and *in*

- The **future perfect** is often used with the words **by** and **in**.
- *He will have finished the report by tomorrow.*
- *I will have retired in 20 years' time.*



Vocabulary

to pass by

life expectancy

to retire

by the time

by this time

by the end of

