

LearnEnglish Select Upper Intermediate

8.5 Preparing for a strategic review

Useful language

Talking about the future

What we now have to start thinking about is ...
 We need to build on the work we've done.
 One major priority ...
 We have some key points to take forward to ...
 That'll be a great/very good theme for ...

Talking about strategy

SWOT analysis
 strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats
 management potential
 added value
 staff retention

Grammar

Future perfect simple and continuous

We use the future perfect simple to describe events or situations that will have occurred before a point of time in the future:

*The meeting **will have finished** by four o'clock.*

(The meeting will finish sometime before four o'clock.)

*You're late. The presentation **will already have started** by the time you get to the office.*

(The presentation will start sometime before you get to the office.)

We use the future perfect continuous to describe events or situations that continue up to a certain point in the future:

*In three years' time, we'll **have been operating** for 20 years.*

We often use *by* or *by the time* in future perfect sentences:

*We'll have produced the final version **by** the end of next week.*

*We will have finished the job **by the time** the manager arrives.*

***By** 6 p.m. we will have been discussing this for four whole hours!*

Check my progress

Are these statements true for you? If not, go back and do some activities from the unit again.

| | Yes | No |
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| I can prepare for a strategic review meeting. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I can conduct a SWOT analysis. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I can express wishes for future development. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |