

LearnEnglish Select Upper Intermediate

7.4 Setting up a workshop

Useful language

Describing expectations

Will you be talking about ... ?
 Will we be covering ... ?
 I'm really hoping we'll have the chance to ...
 If possible, could we look at ...
 What I'd really like is ...
 I hope the content is ...

Rephrasing

What does he mean by ... ?
 He's just pointing out that ...
 I think she wants to know ...
 I think he's just checking ...
 So what do you make of that?
 She's just flagging up ...
 I think what he's saying is ...

Grammar

Speculating about the past

We can use several different expressions to speculate about the past. We use the modal verbs *might/may/could have* + past participle to speculate about past actions:

*My exam results **might/may/could have** been better if I had studied more.*

We can also use *if* to speculate about the past, using the past perfect tense to describe the speculated past action:

*I don't know what they would have done if our flight had been delayed.
 What if you had arrived late? What would we have done?
 I wonder if things would have been different if I'd called him earlier.*

Future continuous

We use the future continuous to talk about something that will be in progress at or around a time in the future. We also use it to talk about two simultaneous actions in progress at or around the same time in the future:

*You'll **be doing** most of the training, won't you?
 So, which venue **will you be using**?*

To form the future continuous, we use *will + be + verb + -ing*:

*They'll **be doing** most of it, since that's their area of expertise.
Will she **be working** with other people this afternoon?
 We'll **be having** lunch and discussing future plans on Thursday.*

Check my progress

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

	Yes	No
I can speculate about the past.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can describe expectations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can rephrase other people's comments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>