

Future Continuous

Future Continuous - Introduction

The future continuous is also known as the future progressive.

It is used to refer to an unfinished action that will be in progress in the future.

Verbs that refer to emotions or desires don't usually take the continuous form. (fear, love, hate ...)

Many languages do not have a continuous form.

Future Continuous - Usage

Future continuous is used

- to project ourselves into the future
- to make predictions about future events
- to ask for information about the future
- for things that are happening now and will continue for some time

Future Continuous - Formation

Positive:

subject + will + be + verb+ing

I will be eating ice-cream.

Negative:

subject + will not + be + verb+ing

We won't be eating ice-cream.

Question:

will + subject + be + verb+ing

Will she be eating ice-cream?

Negative question:

won't + subject + be + verb+ing

Won't he be eating ice-cream?

Future Continuous – Examples #1

to project ourselves into the future

- This time next week I'll be skiing in Switzerland.
- By the end of the year, I'll be running marathons in under three hours.
- You will be working in your new job next month.

to make predictions about future events

- You'll be missing English beer when you move to Germany.
- I expect I'll be seeing Suzi at the meeting.
- When I go to London I will be staying with friends.

Future Continuous – Examples #2

to ask (politely) for information about the future

- Will they be joining us for lunch?
- Will you be going to the party tomorrow?
- Will you be bringing your new boyfriend to dinner?

for things that are happening now and will continue for some time

- The stock prices will still be falling tomorrow.
- While you're sleeping, I'll still be doing my assignment.
- Will the sea levels still be rising in 10 years?