

Future Perfect Continuous

Future Perfect Continuous - Introduction

Future perfect continuous is also known as the future perfect progressive.

It is not used often in English.

Can be tricky for learners to master.

Is usually used with a time expression.

Is used to project ourselves forward and look back.

Can be formed with 'will' or 'be going to' interchangeably.

Future Perfect Continuous - Usage

Past perfect continuous is used for describing

- the duration before something in the future
- the cause of something in the future

Future Perfect Continuous - Formation

Positive:

subject + will have been + verb+ing

I will have been eating ice-cream.

Negative:

subject + won't have been + verb+ing

We won't have been eating ice-cream.

Question:

will + subject + have been + verb+ing

Will she have been eating ice-cream?

Negative question:

won't + subject + have been + verb+ing

Won't he have been eating ice-cream?

Future Perfect Continuous – Examples

the duration before something in the future

- How long will he have been studying when he gets his PhD?
- When the company closes, I will have been working there for 20 years.
- When you arrive for dinner, I will have been cooking for five hours.

the cause of something in the future

- I will be tired tomorrow because I will have been studying all night.
- She will be exhausted because she will have been training so hard.
- He will have been studying in England for 5 years– his English will be perfect.