

# TENSES: PART 2

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## FUTURE TENSES & TIME LINKERS

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### 9. WILL FUTURE

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- Structure: will + V1
- **Function**:
  - a. For future predictions:
    - ✓ The 21st century **will be** quite different from the 20th century.
    - ✓ I am sure there **will be** a meeting about the crisis soon.
    - ✓ Scientists **will definitely cure** insomnia with better treatment methods in the coming decades.

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## WILL FUTURE – FUNCTION 2

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- Function :
- b. For decisions taken at the time of speaking:
  - ✓ A: The phone is ringing.  
B. OK! **I'll get** it.
  - ✓ A. There seems to be a problem with the battery of the car.  
B. Well, **I'll take** it to the mechanics today then.
- *A MOVIE: It's a Wonderful Life (1947)*

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## WILL FUTURE – FUNCTION 2

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- For decisions taken at the time of speaking:
- « Do you want the moon?
- Just say the word and **I'll throw** a lasso around it and pull it down.
- I'll give** you the moon.
- Mary: **I'll take** it. »

## WILL FUTURE – FUNCTION 3

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- Function :
- c. For actions that will happen by themselves; for actions that do not require a plan:
  - ✓ I'll **turn** 34 next month.
  - ✓ There **will be** 29 days in February this year.
  - ✓ We **will get** there in less than an hour.

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## 10. BE GOING TO FUTURE

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- Structure: be going to + V1
- Function:
- a. For our future plans.
  - ✓ I **am going to order** some books online today.
  - ✓ We **are going to have** a holiday in Belize this summer.
  - ✓ Emma and Liam **are going to get** married in June.

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## BE GOING TO ≈ PRESENT CONT. TENSE

- It is possible to use Present Continuous Tense instead of «Be Going to» *in spoken language for our personal, short term plans.*

- ✓ I **am moving** my house next weekend. Can you come and help me?  
(=am going to move)
- ✓ Ted **is visiting** us this evening. You can join us if you like.  
(=is going to visit)

!!! «Be Going to» and «Will» can be used interchangeably without much change in meaning.

- ✓ I **'m going to stay** home and relax today.  
= I **'ll stay** home and relax today.

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## FUTURE TENSES – TIME EXPRESSIONS

- Time expressions commonly used in all future tenses:
- soon = before long = shortly = briefly
  - ✓ I expect interest rates **will decrease** before long.
  - ✓ Pam **will be** home shortly.
  - ✓ I **'ll be** there to help you briefly.
- in        2 weeks  
  within 5 months  
            4 years

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## FUTURE TENSES – TIME LINKERS

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- When  $\approx$  once = as soon as
- «Once» and «as soon as» have the same meaning.
  - ✓ I am sure they **will ask** for more as soon as we **start** meeting their demands.
  - ✓ You **will understand** how your mother feels once you **have** your own children.
  - ✓ Once we **decrease** the dropout rates, we **will concentrate** on other educational issues more easily.
- «Once» and «as soon as» can both be replaced by «when» without much change in meaning.

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Once you replace negative  
thoughts with positive ones,  
you'll start having positive  
results.

Willie Nelson

 BrainyQuote



## FUTURE TENSES – TIME LINKERS

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- when                      after                      until  
as soon as              before                      once = when = as soon as
- Future tenses cannot be used together with time linkers above. However, the main clause can be used with «**will**» or «**be going to**» future.
- We use «**Simple Present**» to give a future meaning with time linkers above.
  - ✓ When I **present** my opinion, they **will support** me in the meeting.
  - ✓ We **will stay** here until the rain **stops**.
  - ✓ The children **will have** a strong meal before they **go out**.
  - ✓ After I **finish** work, I **will just watch** TV and relax.

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## FUTURE TENSES – TIME LINKERS

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!!! In addition to «**Simple Present Tense**», we can also use «**Present Perfect Tense**» with time linkers to give a future meaning.

- However, it is less common to use Present Perfect Tense to give future meaning with time linkers.
- ✓ I **will take** a break after I **have finished** the exercises on page 7. (=after I finish...)
- ✓ They **will give** me a call once they **have repaired** my computer. (=once they repair...)
- ✓ Until we **have established** a steady growth rate, I **will not feel** completely relieved. (=until we establish...)

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## OTHER TIME LINKERS

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- every time ....
  - ✓ Every time he **faces** a problem, he **gives up** easily.
- the last time ...
  - ✓ The last time I **saw** Jim, he was flying to Jamaica.
- the next time ...
  - ✓ The next time I **see** him, I **will warn** him about his actions.

## TIME LINKERS: A GENERAL RULE!

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- When we use a time linker, Present Tenses can only be used with Present Tenses and Future Tenses, and
- Past Tenses can only be used with Past Tenses.
- Time Linker + Present Tenses, Present Tenses ✓
- Time Linker + Present Tenses, Future Tenses ✓
- Time Linker + Past Tenses, Past Tenses ✓

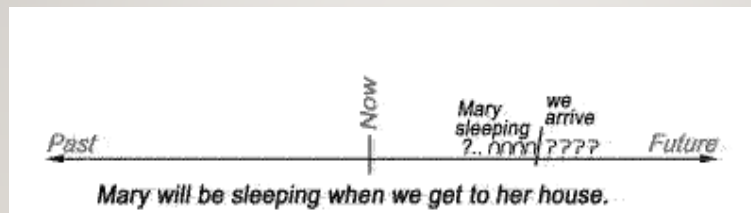
## FUTURE TENSES – SHIFTS IN TIME

1. Present Continuous tense can express a future meaning in short term, personal plans...
  - ✓ After New Year, I **am definitely following** a strict diet.
  - ✓ Timothy **is cancelling** his Netflix membership this month.
2. Simple Present Tense can express a future meaning when talking about timetables and schedules.
  - ✓ Our plane **leaves** at 7 tomorrow.
  - ✓ The movie **starts** at 8 in the evening.
  - ✓ Their bus **arrives** in less than an hour.

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## 11. FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE

- **Structure:** will be + Ving
- Function: To talk about *actions that will be in progress at a specific time* in future.



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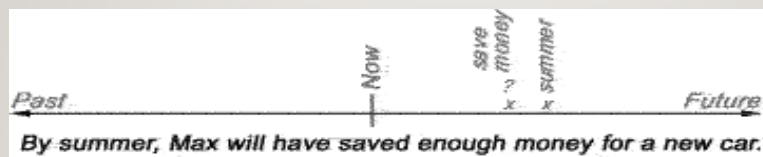
## FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE - 2

- In Future Continuous Tense, we have to have a **specific point in time** in the future.
  - ✓ I **will be giving** an exam at 12 tomorrow.
  - ✓ We **will be having** a picnic at 2 in the afternoon on Saturday.
  - ✓ I can't watch the match with you today, I **will be having** a Skype call with my boss then.

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## 12. FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

- **Structure:** will have + V3
- **Function:** To talk about *an activity that will be completed before another activity or time* in the future.



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## FUTURE PERFECT TENSE – KEY TIME EXPRESSIONS

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- Key time expressions: «**by / by the time**»
  - ✓ I **will have graduated** from university by 2027.
  - VERSUS
  - I **will graduate** from university in 2027.
  - ✓ My father **will have retired** by 2027.
  - ✓ By the time we **improve** the conditions here, they **will have found** another company to work with.
  - ✓ Today's children **will have consumed** 18 years' worth of sugar by the time they **turn** 10.

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## FUTURE PERFECT TENSE – KEY TIME EXPRESSIONS

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- in 2 years (time)  
within 4 weeks (time)
  - ✓ I **will have set up** my own business in 5 years' time.
  - ✓ You **will have received** the documents within 2 weeks.
- when & before (not very common)
  - ✓ I **will have finished** eating **when** you come to pick me up.
  - ✓ I **will have moved** out of this city **before** *you* move out of this city!

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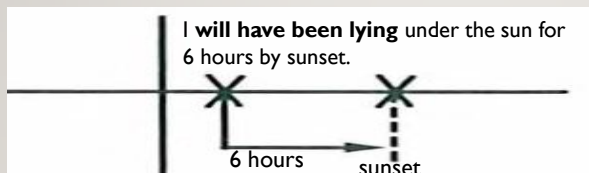
## BY / BY THE TIME (A SHORT SUMMARY)

- Both time linkers are used to express *an activity that is completed before another activity or time in the past or future.*
- They are used commonly with Past Perfect (Cont.) and Future Perfect (Cont.) Tenses.
- By 1985, our country **had witnessed** 3 military coups in its modern history.  
By 2050, scientists **will have found** a cure for many types of cancer.
- By the time + Simple Present, Future Perf. (Cont.)
  - ✓ By the time you **get** this letter, I **will have gone** far far away.
  - ✓ I **will have gone** far far away by the time you **get** this letter.
- By the time + Simple Past, Past Perfect (Cont.)
  - ✓ By the time I **was born**, my father **had left** the country to work abroad. OR
  - ✓ My father **had left** the country to work abroad by the time I **was born**.

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## 13. FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

- **Structure:** will have been + Ving
- **Function:** To underline *the duration* of an activity that will be *in progress* before another activity or time point in the future.



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## FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

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- Examples:
    - ✓ By the time I **retire**, I **will have been working** here for more than 45 years.
    - ✓ I **will have been waiting** for the train for 3 hours by 2 PM.
  - Key time expressions: by / by the time / when / for / before
  - This tense emphasizes *the duration* of an activity, just like Present Perfect Continuous and Past Perfect Continuous.
- !!! In short, all «Perfect Continuous» Tenses emphasize the duration of a progressive activity.**

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## FUTURE TENSES – A SHORT SUMMARY

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- will future (simple): «predictions, sudden decisions»
  - ✓ I **will work** in Thailand for 6 years.
- will be Ving: «action in progress at a specific time in future»
  - ✓ I **will be working** in Thailand in summer, 2028.
- will have V3 : «completed action at a specific time in future»
  - ✓ I **will have come** back to Turkey by 2028.
- will have been Ving : «duration of an action in progress before a point in future»
  - ✓ I **will have been working** in Thailand for 10 years by 2028.

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