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## future perfect and future continuous

### future perfect: *will have* + past participle

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The decorators **will have finished** painting by Tuesday, so we can move back into the flat then.
The football club say that they **'ll have built** the new stadium in six months.
Laura **won't have arrived** before dinner so I'll leave some food in the oven for her.
When **will they have learnt** enough English to be able to communicate fluently?

We use the future perfect (*will have* + past participle) to say something will be finished before a certain time in the future.

- This tense is frequently used with the time expressions ***by*** *Saturday / March / 2030*, etc. or ***in*** *two weeks / months*, etc.
- *By* + a time expression = at the latest. With *in*, you can say *in six months* or *in six months' time*.
- We form the negative with *won't have* + past participle and make questions by inverting the subject and *will / won't*.

### future continuous: *will be* + verb + *-ing*

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Don't phone between 7.00 and 8.00 as we **'ll be having** dinner then.
Good luck with your test tomorrow. **I'll be thinking** of you.
This time tomorrow **I'll be sitting** at a café **drinking** a beer.
Come at 7.00 because **we won't be starting** dinner until 8.00.
**Will you be waiting** for me when I get off the train?
**I'll be going** to the supermarket later. Do you want anything?

- Use the future continuous (*will be* + verb + *ing*) to say that an action will be in progress at a certain time in the future.
  Compare:
  **We'll have** dinner at 8.00 (= we will start dinner at 8.00)
  **We'll be having** dinner at 8.00 (= at 8.00 we will already have started having dinner)
- We sometimes use the future continuous, like the present continuous, to talk about things which are already planned or decided.
- We form the negative with *won't be* + verb + *ing* and make questions by inverting the subject and *will / won't*.

**a** Complete the sentences using the future perfect or future continuous.

The film starts at 7.00. I will arrive at 7.15. When I arrive at the cinema the film *will have started*. (start)

1 The flight to Geneva takes off at 9.00 and lands at 10.30. At 10.00 they _____ to Geneva. (fly)
2 I usually save €200 a month. By the end of the year, I _____ €2,400. (save)
3 Rebecca leaves at 6.30. It takes her an hour get to work. At 7.00 tomorrow she _____ to work. (drive)
4 The meeting starts at 2.00 and finishes at 3.30. Don't call me at 2.30 because we _____ a meeting. (have)
5 Sam is paying for his car. The last payment is in May. By June he _____ for his car. (pay)
6 Their last exam is on May 31st. By the end of May they _____ their exams. (finish)
7 She writes a chapter of her novel a week. This week she's on chapter five. By the end of this week she _____ five chapters. (write)
8 Sonia is usually at the gym between 6.30 and 7.30. There's no point phoning Sonia now. It's 7.00 and she _____ at the gym. (work out)
9 The film started downloading at 7.30. It will take another hour. The film _____ at 8.30. (download)

**b** Complete the dialogue with the verbs in brackets in the future perfect or continuous.

**A** Well, it looks like we'll be having very different weather in the future if climate change continues.
**B** What do you mean?
**A** Well, they say *we'll be having* much higher temperatures here in London, as high as 30°. And remember, we [1] _____ on the beach, we [2] _____ in 30°, which is quite different. And islands like the Maldives [3] _____ by 2150 because of the rise in the sea level. They say the number of storms and tsunamis [4] _____ by the middle of the century too, so even more people [5] _____ by then to the cities looking for work. Big cities [6] _____ even bigger by then. Can you imagine the traffic?
**B** I don't think there will be a problem with the traffic. Petrol [7] _____ completely by then anyway, so nobody will have a car. Someone [8] _____ a new method of transport, so we [9] _____ around in air cars or something.

(have) (not lie) (work) (disappear) (double) (move) (grow) (run out) (invent) (fly)

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