

# FUTURE PERFECT AND FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

## WHEN DO WE USE THE FUTURE PERFECT AND FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS?

We use the **Future Perfect** and the **Future Perfect Continuous** to talk about actions that will be completed at some future time or actions that will continue until a future time.

### STRUCTURE:

**Subject + will have + past participle...**

### Examples:

#### Affirmative:

I will (I'll) have finished my book by this time next year.

#### Negative:

The students will not (won't) have completed their project by the due date next week.

#### Interrogative:

Will you have written your report by the end of the day?

## HOW TO CREATE SENTENCES IN THE "FUTURE PERFECT"

### AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES:

Subject + will + have + past participle

**Ex. We will have looked at over 30 houses by the end of this week.**

**Ex. Paul will have spent nearly \$50,000 on medical bills before they figure out his diagnosis.**

**Ex. By the time I get to the office, the meeting will have ended.**

### NEGATIVE SENTENCES:

Subject + will + not + have + past participle

**Ex. It will not have rained for 7 months by this time tomorrow.**

**Ex. Jenny will not have drunk any alcohol for 4 years next Friday.**

**Ex. By the end of the week, I will not have eaten any sugar for 10 days.**

### INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES (QUESTIONS):

Will + subject + have + past participle

**Ex. Will you have finished the report by this time next week?**

**Ex. Will the builders have completed the project by Friday?**

**Ex. Will you have answered all the questions on the test by the end of class?**

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You can also use “be going to” in the place of “will.” However, it is more common to use “will” in the future perfect and the future perfect continuous tense.

## EXAMPLES:

### Affirmative:

**Subject + am/is/are going to + have + past participle**

Ex. I'm going to have finished my book by this time next year.

### Negative:

**Subject + am/is/are + not + going to + have + past participle**

Ex. The students are not going to have completed their project by the due date next week.

### Interrogative:

**Am/Is/Are + subject + going to + have + past participle?**

Are you going to have written your report by the end of the day?

## SOME PRACTICE QUESTIONS

### 1. What will you have done by the end of today?

• Possible answers:

By the end of today, I **will have watched** several English videos.

I **will have cleaned** my house.

I **will have worked** on my project.

I **will have driven** 50 kilometers.

I **will have met** lots of new friends.

### 2. What will you have done by the time you are 90 years old?

• Possible answers:

I **will have learned** English and French by the time I'm 90.

I **will have traveled** the world.

I **will have taught** millions of students.

I **will have discovered** a cure for cancer by the time I'm 90.

## MORE EXAMPLES

1. By the end of this year, I will have taught over 10,000 students.

2. When I finish this course, I will have learned at least 500 new vocabulary words.

3. I will have worked as a teacher for 30 years by the time I'm 50 years old.

# FUTURE PERFECT AND FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

## WHEN DO WE USE THE FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS?

We use the **Future Perfect Continuous** to talk about something that **will continue until a future moment in time**

### STRUCTURE:

**Subject + will have been + present participle (-ING form of the verb)**

### Examples:

#### Affirmative:

Patty will have been running for over 5 hours by the time she finishes the marathon.

#### Negative:

My computer will not have been working for almost a month by the time someone can fix it.

#### Interrogative:

How long will you have been working here before you can retire?

## HOW TO CREATE SENTENCES IN THE FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

### AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES:

Subject + will (be going to) + have + been + present participle (-ING form of the verb)

**Ex. Caroline will have been running for over 5 hours by the time she finishes the marathon.**

**Ex. Julie will have been working on the project for nearly 10 months by the time it's completed.**

**Ex. Maggie will have been studying for over 12 years by the time she graduates.**

### NEGATIVE SENTENCES:

Subject + will + not + have + been + present participle (-ING form of the verb)

Subject + be + not + going to + have been + present participle

**Ex. My computer will not have been working for nearly a week by the time someone fixes it.**

**Ex. I will not have been smoking for a year by the end of September.**

**Ex. Susie will not have been working here long enough to collect unemployment.**

### INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES (QUESTIONS):

(How long) + will + subject + have been + present participle (-ING form of the verb)?

**Ex. How long will you have been studying medicine before becoming a doctor?**

**Ex. How long will she have been trying to learn Spanish by the time she moves to Mexico?**

**Ex. How long will you have been working before you get a promotion?**

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## SOME PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. How long will you have been working at your current job by this time next year?

• Possible answers: I **will have been working** at my current job for 10 years / 1 year / 5 years by this time next year.

2. How long will you have been studying English by the time you feel completely fluent?

• Possible answers: I **will have been studying** English for 5 years / 10 years / 20 years / 2 years / 6 months by the time I feel completely fluent.

## MORE EXAMPLES

1. By the time I'm 80 years old, I will have been living in this house for 60 years.

2. Our flight has been delayed so many times! We will have been waiting here for over 20 hours by the time we board our flight.

3. I will have been working as a teacher for 30 years by the time I'm 50 years old.

4. They will have been waiting for over 2 hours by the time the tow truck gets there.

## EXERCISE

Fill in the blanks with the future perfect or future perfect continuous form of the verb in parenthesis.

1. By this time tomorrow, we \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness for exactly 15 days. (camp)

2. Sara is so late for her surprise party! We \_\_\_\_\_ for nearly 3 hours by the time she gets here. (wait)

3. By the end of this year, I \_\_\_\_\_ over 500 hours on this project. (work)

4. When I finish my thesis, I \_\_\_\_\_ over 50 pages and (I \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ over a thousand hours of research. (write, do)

## ANSWERS

1. will have been camping
2. will have been waiting
3. will have worked
4. will have written; will have done