

4A future continuous and future perfect

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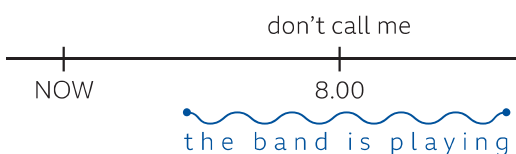
Future continuous

We form the future continuous with *will + be + ing*. We use it for an action or event that will be in progress at a specific time in the future.

I can't meet at 1.00 because I'll be taking Tom to the airport.

This time next week you'll be swimming in the Caribbean Sea.

Don't call me at 8.00 because the band will be playing.



Future perfect

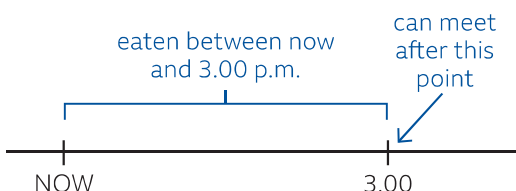
We form the future perfect with *will + have + past participle*. We use it for an action or event that will be finished before a specific time in the future.

We often use the future perfect with *by + a time*, meaning *at some time before*.

You can borrow the book next week. I'll have finished it by then.

You can't come at 2.00 because we'll have left by then.

We'll have eaten by 3.00, so we can meet you after that.



It is possible to use other modal verbs instead of *will* with the future continuous and future perfect.

She might be travelling at that time.

This time next week I could be relaxing on a beach in Thailand!

I'll call again tomorrow. He may have forgotten we'd arranged to meet now.

We should have completed the project by the end of next week.

PRACTICE

1 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 Don't call me at 5 a.m. I'll **be sleeping / have slept!**
- 2 No, I can't do 2 p.m. I won't **be finishing / have finished** by then.
- 3 The driver will **be waiting / have waited** for you at the airport.
- 4 Good luck tomorrow. I'll **be thinking / have thought** of you.
- 5 Call me on Friday. I'll **be speaking / have spoken** to Amy by then, so I'll know her plans.
- 6 He can't meet at 7 p.m. because he'll still **be travelling / have travelled**.

2 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first. Use the future perfect or continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 The meeting ends at 3.30.
The meeting by 3.45. (end)
- 2 This time next year we'll be in Germany permanently.
This time next year we in Germany. (live)
- 3 Come over on Saturday, as I'll be free.
Come over on Saturday as I anything. (do)
- 4 Do you need the car later or can I borrow it?
..... the car later, or can I borrow it? (use)
- 5 We can't go to the gym at 5 a.m. It will still be shut.
The gym by 5 a.m. (open)
- 6 Their football match starts at 2 and finishes at around 4.
The girls football at 3.30. (play)

3 Look at the information and complete the sentences (1–6) with the future perfect or future continuous form of the verb in brackets.

4 p.m. – Jack's train arrives. Get there a few minutes before to meet him on the platform. Drive back.

4.10 p.m. – Home!

- 1 At 3.55, we on the platform. (wait)
- 2 By 4.30, we back at the house. (arrive)

10 p.m. bed time!

(the next day) 6 a.m. early start! 6.45 leave for airport.

- 3 At 11 p.m., I (sleep)
- 4 By 6.45 a.m. the next day, I breakfast. (had)

This afternoon – meet Jack and his new girlfriend!

Tomorrow morning – go to British Museum.

- 5 By tonight, I Jack's new girlfriend for the first time. (meet)
- 6 Tomorrow at 10, I the British Museum. (visit)