5.4 Grammar

Future Continuous

1 Read the adverts for summer courses. Which course would you like to try? Why?

2 5.10 Read the dialogue. Which courses will Andy, Beth and Cathy be doing in the summer?

Andy: Term's nearly over. Do you know what you will be doing this time next month?
Beth: We'll be sailing in a boat. We're doing a sailing course. And you?
Andy: I'll be practising my ping-pong because I've got a competition in September.
Cathy: And I'll be scuba diving!
Beth: Wow!
Cathy: In three weeks' time, we'll be travelling to the Red Sea.
Andy: That sounds great. So, you won't be doing any sunbathing this summer?
Cathy: Of course, I'll will! The Red Sea has lots of great beaches.

3 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Future Continuous in the dialogue.

GRAMMAR Future Continuous

We use the Future Continuous to talk about actions that will be in progress at a specific time in the future.

+	She'll be sailing in August.
–	We won't be studying for exams in two weeks' time.
?	Will they be living abroad in five years' time? When will you be travelling?

We can use the Future Continuous with time expressions:
in August/three years' time *at 5 o'clock*
this time next week/month

4 Complete the questions with the Future Continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Then answer the questions in pairs.

1 When *will* Beth *be sailing* (sail)?
Beth will be sailing this time next month.
2 Why (...) Andy (...) (practise) ping-pong in July?
3 When (...) Cathy and her parents (...) (travel) to the Red Sea?
4 What (...) they (...) (do) in the Red Sea?
5 (...) Cathy (...) (do) any sunbathing?

5 Complete the sentences in the Future Continuous with affirmative and negative forms. Use these verbs or your own ideas.

do finish live start study travel work

1 In three years' time, *I'll be finishing school.*
2 This time tomorrow, ...
3 At 8 o'clock this evening, ...
4 In August, ...
5 In ten years' time, ...
6 This time next year, ...
7 At 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, ...

6 In pairs, ask and answer the questions in Exercise 5.

What will you be doing in three years' time?
I'll be working in a factory.

7 CHALLENGE Write four sentences about what your partner *will* or *won't* be doing in the future. Use the information you learnt from the questions in Exercise 6.

Marian won't be studying in three years' time.
She'll be ...

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