

Level: B2: Upper Intermediate

Skill: Grammar



Future Continuous

✈ **Future Continuous (will be + ing)** is used to talk about actions which will be in progress at a time in the future.

Examples:

- 🌸 Hi, Jen, it's me. Just to say, **I'll be arriving** at 17.15. Can you pick me up?
- 🌸 Sure, **I'll be waiting** outside the station.
- 🌸 Next week they **will be flying** to Australia from Saudi Arabia.
- 🌸 She **will not be working** on Tuesday.
- 🌸 Unfortunately, we **won't be attending the wedding**.

✈ The **future continuous tense** is often confused with the **simple future tense**, there are some key differences between the two:

- ✳ The future continuous tense is usually used with **a specified period of time**.
- ✳ The future continuous tense also shows **more certainty** than the simple future tense does.
- ✳ Like all other continuous tenses, you **cannot use the future continuous tense with stative verbs** like want, need, love, or hate. Use the simple future tense with stative verbs instead.

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the future simple or future continuous tense.

- I can buy it for you if you want. I in the afternoon anyway. **SHOP**
- Is Bill at office?
No, he isn't. I suppose he to office next week. **COME**
- I hope Simon there. He's great fun. **BE**
- Did you remember to invite Mrs. Oates?
Oh, no! I forgot. But I her right now. **CALL**
- I'll have a holiday next week. I at 6 o'clock as usual. **NOT GET UP**
- Hurry up. You are so late! Everybody when you arrive at the office. **WORK**
- Be careful or the cars you down. Look both ways before you cross the street. **KNOCK**
- We our house this time tomorrow. Do you think you could give us a hand? **MOVE**