

Future Perfect vs Future Continuous

1. Future Continuous

Form

will + be + verb (-ing)

Use

We use the **future continuous** to talk about:

- An action that **will be in progress at a specific time in the future**.
- A temporary action happening around a future moment.

Examples

- This time tomorrow, I **will be studying** for my exam.
- At 8 p.m. tonight, they **will be having** dinner.
- Next week, she **will be working** from home.

2. Future Perfect

Form

will + have + past participle

Use

We use the **future perfect** to talk about:

- An action that **will be completed before a specific time in the future**.
- The result of an action before a future deadline.

Examples

- By tomorrow, I **will have finished** my homework.
- By 2030, scientists **will have discovered** new treatments.
- At 6 p.m., she **will have left** the office.

3. Key Differences

Future Continuous	Future Perfect
Focuses on the action in progress	Focuses on the action completed
What will be happening	What will already be done
"At 5 p.m., I will be working"	"By 5 p.m., I will have finished"

4. Exercises: Complete the Blanks

Use **future continuous** or **future perfect**.

1. By the time you arrive, we _____ (finish) the meeting.
2. This time tomorrow, I _____ (fly) to Paris.
3. By next week, she _____ (complete) the project.
4. At 10 a.m. tomorrow, they _____ (take) their final exam.
5. By 8 p.m., he _____ (cook) dinner.
6. Next Friday at noon, we _____ (wait) for the results.
7. By the end of the month, the company _____ (launch) the new product.
8. At this time next year, I _____ (study) at university.
9. By the time the movie starts, we _____ (buy) the tickets.
10. At 7 p.m. tonight, she _____ (exercise) at the gym.

Tip for Students

Ask yourself:

- **Will the action be in progress at that time?** → Future Continuous
- **Will the action be completed before that time?** → Future Perfect