

## Future continuous and future perfect simple

## GRAMMAR ZONE

## Future continuous

We use the future continuous to talk about:

- something that will be in progress at a particular time in the future  
*Come at about 4.30 because we **will be starting** the game at 5.00.*  
*We **will be having** a break at 4.30.*
- something that will happen for some time in the future:  
*Miss Jacobs **will be organising** the school trips next year.*  
*Alice **will be staying** with her aunt for 3 months.*

## Future perfect simple

We use the future perfect simple to talk about:

- something that will be completed at a certain time in the future. We often use *by* with this form  
*By six o'clock the sun will have already set.*  
*I think we **will have reached** the station by the time your train arrives.*

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'When you get this letter, I **will be paddling** down the Amazon in a canoe!'

1 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- Where will you be *staying/stay* while you're parents are away?
- Helen will *have/be* already gone to bed by the time her aunt and uncle arrive.
- Tina won't *be going/have gone* to this school next term.
- While we are having our history test, you *are/will be* lying in the sun!
- I hope your parents will have *booked/booking* the tickets early enough.
- Rosie says she will *be/have* finished her homework before the film starts.
- When you get this letter I will be *paddling/paddled* down the Amazon in a canoe!
- I don't think Gary *is/will be* doing much homework while he is away.
- I hope we will *have/be* saved enough money to go on holiday.
- Pam says she will be *writing/wrote* emails to us every week while she's away.

2 Write either the future continuous or the future perfect simple of the verb in brackets to complete the text.

Carol's class is going for a day trip to Oxford tomorrow. The other classes 1) ..... (do) their lessons as normal. Jess is a bit annoyed about it.

'But it's not fair! I've got a Maths test in the morning, and you 2) ..... (wander) round a lovely Oxford college while she I am struggling with Algebra!'

Carol says ' But when you are getting up, I 3) ..... (be) on the coach for an hour. I hate getting up so early!

'What 4) ..... (you do) in Oxford?' Jess asks.

'Well, I think 5) ..... (visit) a couple of the oldest colleges, and then we 6) ..... (have) a picnic by the river.'

'You lucky thing! Well, I'll come and see you in the evening, and I hope you 7) ..... (remember) to bring me back a souvenir, and lots of photos.'

'Of course I will. And I hope you 8) ..... your exam!'