

The future perfect tense

The **future perfect tense** is used to describe an action that will have been completed at a certain point of time in the future. Consider this situation. You are working on a project and you will finish it in two months. Then at the end of two months, you **will have completed** that project. Note the form of the verb in used in this tense: **will / shall + have + past participle** form of the verb.

The future perfect tense is commonly used with a future time expression like *by next week, by the end of this year* etc.

Infinitive	Future Perfect	Negative	Question
to be*	will have been	will not have been	will I have been...?
to have	will have had	will not have had	will you have had...?
to do	will have done	will not have done	will she have done...?
to say	will have said	will not have said	will we have said...?
to get	will have gotten**	will not have gotten	will they have gotten...?
to make	will have made	will not have made	will you have made...?
to go	will have gone	will not have gone	will he have gone...?
to take	will have taken	will not have taken	will you have taken...?
to see	will have seen	will not have seen	will I have seen...?
to come	will have come	will not have come	will it have come...?

Practice - Chose the best answer

- 1) I _____ (leave) by six.
- 2) _____ (you/finish) the report by the deadline?
- 3) When _____ (we/do) everything?
- 4) She _____ (finish) her exams by then, so we can go out for dinner.
- 5) You _____ (read) the book before the next class.
- 6) She _____ (not/finish) work by seven.

- 7) When _____ (you/complete) the work?
- 8) They _____ (arrive) by dinner time.
- 9) We _____ (be) in London for three years next week.
- 10) _____ (she/get) home by lunch time?
- 11) _____ (you/do) everything by seven?
- 12) We _____ (not/eat) before we come, so we'll be hungry.
- 13) _____ (he/finish) his exams when we go on holiday?
- 14) _____ (we/arrive) by the time it gets dark?
- 15) How long _____ (you/know) your boyfriend when you get married?
- 16) He _____ (not/complete) the project by July.
- 17) I _____ (not/finish) the essay by the weekend.
- 18) Why _____ (she/finish) the cleaning by six?
- 19) How long _____ (you/be) in this company when you retire?
- 20) They _____ (not/go) at six.

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1. Choose the correct tense.

Sorry, Jake, I ___ late tomorrow, I'm afraid.

- 'll be being
- 'll have been
- 'll be

2. Which sentence means: **When you get home, dinner will be ready to eat?**

- When you get home, I'll make dinner.
- By the time you get home, I'll be making dinner.
- By the time you get home, I'll have made dinner

3. Which sentence means: **This time next week, Joyce will no longer be here?**

- This time next week, Joyce will leave.
- This time next week, Joyce will be leaving.
- This time next week, Joyce will have left.

4. What does this sentence mean?

By the time we get to the venue, the presentation will have started.

- The presentation hasn't started yet. It will start after we arrive.
- The presentation has already started.
- The presentation hasn't started yet, but it will start before we arrive.

5. Which sentence is correct?

I bet the shop ____ of ice cream by the time we get there.

- will sold out
- will have sold out
- will be sell out

Complete the sentences with the future perfect form of the verb in **bold**.

6. **(complete)**

Will you the work by Friday?

7. **(not / drink)**

Paul all the milk!

8. **(finish)**

Construction is still going on, but it by Friday.

9. **(forget)**

I'm sure Karen my name again!

10. **(not remember)**

I bet Robin to bring the money he owes me!