41 Future continuous

- We use the future continuous to talk about an action that will be in progress at a particular time in the future: *'Can we meet tomorrow morning at ten?' 'No, **I'll be working** then.'* (= I'll start working earlier than ten and continue later than ten.)
- Compare the future with *will* and the future continuous: *Come at seven thirty. **We'll eat** at eight.* (= We'll start eating at eight.) *Don't phone at eight. **We'll be eating.*** (= We'll be in the middle of eating.)

▶▶ ***See Appendix 7: Verb forms, page 170.***

PRACTICE

41a Complete the conversation. Use the future continuous of the verbs in brackets.

A: Can you meet me in town tomorrow at one?
B: Um ... no. I'll be out at one. I (0) *'ll be having* (have) lunch with Peter. What about later? Two thirty or three? Or (1) ..... (you / watch) the match then?
A: Yes, I will. Are you playing tennis with Jamie in the afternoon?
B: Yes, at half past four.
A: Well, I could meet you at the tennis court at about six. Is that OK?
B: Yes, that's fine. We (2) ..... (practise) for our match on Sunday.
A: Yes, I can imagine it. He (3) ..... (try) to do all kinds of clever shots and you (4) ..... (not pay) attention! And you (5) ..... (shout) at each other!
B: No, no! You haven't seen us for ages! We (6) ..... (work) together perfectly. Like a machine!
A: A broken machine, you mean!

41b Circle the correct answer.

0 Our exams finish on Friday. This time next week I *'ll relax* / (*'ll be relaxing*) at home.
1 Bring your books round tonight. My brother *will help* / *will be helping* you with your Maths.
2 I'll still be awake at midnight. I *'ll have* / *'ll be having* my fifth cup of coffee!
3 I *won't go* / *won't be going* without you, but please don't be late.
4 Good luck with your exam on Wednesday. I *'ll think* / *'ll be thinking* of you.
5 Meet me in the library on Thursday morning. We *'ll revise* / *'ll be revising* together.
6 Come round on Saturday morning for a chat. I *won't do* / *won't be doing* anything.

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42 Future perfect

- We use the future perfect to talk about an action or situation that will be finished before a particular time in the future: *I can meet you at six tomorrow. My football match* ***will have finished*** *by then.* (= It will finish some time before then.)
- We often use the future perfect with *by* or *by the time* + present simple: ***We'll have finished*** *dinner* ***by*** *eight.* ***By the time*** *I* ***get*** *back,* ***he'll have left.***
- Compare the future with *will* and the future perfect: ***We'll leave*** *at six o'clock.* (= Six o'clock is the time we'll leave.) ***We'll have left*** *by six o'clock.* (= We'll leave before six o'clock.)

▶▶ ***See Appendix 7: Verb forms, page 170.***

PRACTICE

42a Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or future perfect of the verbs in brackets.

0 I *'ll have finished* ..... my project by the end of this month. (finish)

1 We ..... any food by the time they ..... . (not make, arrive)

2 We ..... to Scotland by the beginning of May. (move)

3 ..... your course by the time I ..... you again? (you / start, see)

4 Don't call late tonight. I ..... to bed by ten. (go)

5 He ..... by eight. He gets up at seven thirty. (not leave)

6 By the time we ..... the play on Saturday, we ..... it thirty times. (perform, rehearse)

42b Complete the sentences. Use *will* or the future perfect of the verbs in the box.

disappear	experience	improve	land	move	need	~~rise~~

0 Global temperatures ..... *will have risen* ..... by at least 1 °C by the end of this century.

1 Many of us ..... more extreme weather events, such as storms, heat waves and floods.

2 The world ..... much more energy in the future.

3 They say that the treatment of cancer ..... enormously by 2025.

4 Experts predict that half of today's languages ..... by 2100.

5 More and more people ..... from the countryside to cities in this century.

6 They say that people ..... on Mars by 2040.

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43 Future in the past

- We use *was/were going to* + infinitive to talk about a planned action in the past that didn't happen: *I'm sorry. I **was going to phone** you, but I didn't have time.* (= It was my intention to phone you, but I didn't.)
- We also use *was/were going to* for a prediction in the past, often after *think* or *know*: *At last we were safe. Everything **was going to be** OK. I knew my exams **were going to be** difficult.*

▶▶ ***See Appendix 7: Verb forms, page 170.***

PRACTICE

43a Complete the sentences. Use *was/were going to* and the verbs in the box.

be	earn	go	~~not get~~	not share	not stay	set up

0 I ***wasn't going to get*** married, but now I'm married with two children!
1 I ..... to Canada, but I didn't. I'm still here!
2 Rob and I ..... a flat, but then he needed someone, so I moved in.
3 I ..... a lot of money very quickly, but that hasn't happened yet!
4 Sarah and I ..... dancers, but we both have office jobs.
5 I ..... in London, but actually, I really enjoy living here.
6 Matt and Duncan ..... their own company, but then Matt moved to Paris.

43b Complete the texts. Use *was/were going to* and the verbs in brackets.

I (0) ***was going to go*** (go) shopping with a friend yesterday, but then she got ill, so I went by myself. I wanted some trainers, but the ones I liked were too expensive. I knew they (1) ..... (cost) a lot, but I didn't realise how much! I bought a T-shirt instead. I (2) ..... (not / get) any clothes, but I couldn't resist it!

Lucy (3) ..... (meet) me at six, but she didn't turn up. Kate and Ben picked me up at six thirty. I thought Ben (4) ..... (not come) with us, so I was surprised to see him. I (5) ..... (not say) anything about the previous weekend, but he asked me. I had to tell him the truth. I thought he (6) ..... (be) angry, but he laughed when I told him what had happened.

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