

GRAMMAR

REVIEW OF FUTURE TENSES

1 Choose the correct options.

- 1 We need to act quickly if we're to recover / will recover from this crisis.
- 2 By the end of this week, I will write / will have written my first science-fiction story.
- 3 A new exhibition at the Natural History Museum will be opening / will have been opening next month.
- 4 When I was young, I thought I will be / was going to be a professional footballer.
- 5 Who do you think will win / will have won the Nobel Peace Prize this year?
- 6 By 2032, we will be sending / will have been sending satellites into orbit for 75 years.

2 Match the sentences 1–6 in Exercise 1 to the future forms.

Future form	Usage	
future perfect continuous	to focus on the duration of an activity in progress at a time in the future	A _____
future perfect	to refer to actions or events that will be finished by a time in the future	B _____
future simple	make predictions and talk about expectations	C _____
future continuous with will	to refer to an activity in progress at a time in the future	D _____
be to + infinitive	to refer to something that must happen before something else can	E _____
future in the past	to refer to a future event seen from the past	F _____

3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 By this time next year, I _____ computer science for three years.
A am studying B will be studying
C will have been studying
- 2 We can't meet in the café at 8 am because it _____ by then.
A won't have been opening B won't have opened
C won't open
- 3 You should leave now if you _____ the next train.
A are to catch B will be catching
C will catch
- 4 My sister _____ a year off before going to university, but I talked her out of it.
A is to take B will have taken
C was going to take
- 5 It is believed that the prime minister _____ an announcement sometime this evening.
A will have made B will be making
C will have been making

4 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 I need to renew my photography club membership next month. (is due to)
My photography club membership _____

- 2 I nearly phoned you, but then you rang the doorbell. (on verge of)
I was _____

- 3 I found the solution just before I gave up. (on point of)
I was _____

- 4 She felt a sneeze coming, so she turned her head away. (was about to)
She turned _____

5 Correct the mistakes in the sentences or put a tick by any you think are correct.

- 1 I never believed that I am going to meet someone like you. _____
- 2 We don't think we'll be returning in the foreseeable future. _____
- 3 What do you envisage you'll have been doing this time next year? _____
- 4 I'll call you as soon as I'll have heard the results of the test. _____
- 5 He'll have to apply soon if he's to be considered for the job. _____
- 6 She was on the verge to quit when they offered her a pay rise. _____

6 Complete the blog post with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



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1 _____ (have) such a dramatic impact on the world's climate. But the environmental problems we are experiencing now are a direct result of it. If we don't do something soon, we 2 _____ (pump) greenhouse gases into the atmosphere for more than 200 years. Action is overdue and essential if we 3 _____ (survive) as a species to the end of this century. It is hoped that by 2030, we 4 _____ (cut) down on our use of fossil fuels by at least 70%. It is easy to predict what problems our failure to do so 5 _____ (bring). We 6 _____ (deal) with the terrible consequences of our lack of action for years to come.

7 Write sentences that are true for you.

- 1 Think of something that is due to happen soon.

- 2 Think of something that was going to happen but didn't.