Grammar 2 — Future perfect simple, future perfect continuous, temporals

1 **Read about the future perfect simple, the future perfect continuous and temporals.**

Future perfect simple

We use the future perfect simple

- for something that will be finished by or before a specific time in the future
  *They **will have opened** the new conservation area by July.*
- to show the length of time that an action will have lasted for at a point of time in the future
  *I'll **have been** a manager at the recycling centre for two years next week.*

Future perfect continuous

We use the future perfect continuous to talk about something that will continue up to a specific time in the future.
*Carole **will have been protesting** outside the factory for two days on Sunday.*

Temporals

- When we use temporals such as *when, before, after, until, once, by the time*, etc to talk about the future, we use them with a present tense. We do not use them with a future tense.
  ***After** he **buys/has bought** the new trees, he'll plant them in the garden.*
- We use a present perfect tense to emphasise that the first action will be finished before the other one starts.
  *We can go to the zoo when you**'ve eaten** your breakfast.*
  *We'll start the meeting once everyone **has arrived.***

2 **Read the sentences. Which tenses do they use? Which one could be rewritten using a temporal? Which tenses would you need to use then?**

a I'll arrive in Africa and then I'll email my parents.
b I'll have been living in Africa for two months on Monday.

Read 5.5-5.7 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

3 **Complete the sentences. Use the future perfect simple or the future perfect continuous.**



By the end of this century ...

1 the planet _____ (become) more polluted.
2 we _____ (cut down) trees in the rainforest for more than two centuries.
3 they _____ (probably not find) a solution to the problems created by climate change.
4 scientists _____ (discover) more efficient alternative energy sources.
5 experts _____ (invent) new ways to clean up oil spills.
6 we _____ (build) cities for many years.
7 _____ (people / realise) that they must find a way to feed the poor in Africa?
8 conservationists _____ (discuss) how to help endangered species for a long time.

4 **Circle the correct temporal and complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple, the present perfect simple or the future simple.**

1 We'll leave **before / as soon as** we _____ (put out) the camp fire.
2 **Once / Before** she _____ (read) my letter, she'll know she has to do something about the rubbish in her garden.
3 You can visit me **when / by the time** I _____ (get) home from the protest meeting.
4 We _____ (go) to the game reserve **before / after** it has stopped raining.
5 I won't swim in the lake **by the time / until** they _____ (close) that factory!
6 They _____ (not prevent) illegal hunting **until / once** they make better laws.
7 The roof of our house was damaged by the tornado. We can't go back home **by the time / until** Dad _____ (fix) it.
8 **The moment / Before** I see an elephant, I _____ (take) its photograph.

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