

Grammar Future Continuous and Future Perfect Simple

1 Look at the verb tenses in the example sentences. Which of the tenses describes an activity that ...

- will be in progress at a particular moment in the future?
- will be finished by a certain time in the future?

- Many young people **will have decided** what is important for them in a job by the time they go to their first interview.
- Millennials **will be looking** for jobs with more chances of promotion and more diverse work when they enter the workforce.

2 Complete the sentences using the tense structures in the box. Then decide which activity will be in progress and which will be finished.

will have transferred will be retaining won't have changed will be staying
Will you be sleeping will be preparing Will you have finished will be entertaining

- I won't be able to do lunch on Monday as I _____ clients all day.
- He doesn't need a hotel room for the conference next month as he _____ with his brother.
- _____ the proposal by the end of the week?
- The manager won't be taking any calls in the morning as she _____ her presentation.
- _____ when my flight gets in?
- Investment banks _____ the way they do business by the end of the next decade. It will take much longer.
- Our boss said that by the end of the year, our bank _____ its operations to the Warsaw office.
- The banking sector _____ employees by offering job security rather than high salaries over the next few years.

In progress: _____ Finished: _____

3 Complete the conversation with the Future Continuous or Future Perfect Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

A: What kind of job do you think you ¹ _____ (do) five years from now?

B: I think I ² _____ (run) my own business.

A: Wow! So you ³ _____ (set up) your own company by the time you're twenty-five!

B: Yes, I hope so. We ⁴ _____ (finish) our degree course by then, won't we? What about you?

A: I'm not sure. Perhaps I ⁵ _____ (work) in investment banking. And what ⁶ _____ (you / do) in your free time? I imagine you won't have much time off as an entrepreneur.

B: That's right. I guess I'll be very busy some weekends. But I believe in a good work-life balance, so I hope I ⁷ _____ (not / give up) all my interests by my mid-20s. I mean, I ⁸ _____ (still go) to the gym, and I think I ⁹ _____ (travel) more because I ¹⁰ _____ (earn) a good salary. And you? Do you think ¹¹ _____ (you / still live) with your parents in the same town?

A: Oh no! I'm sure I ¹² _____ (move out) of my parents' home before then. And maybe I ¹³ _____ (live) in a city like Frankfurt or Warsaw.

B: Me too. But I think in five years' time, I ¹⁴ _____ (work) somewhere in Asia, perhaps Kuala Lumpur.