

future perfect and future continuous

future perfect: **will have + past participle**

The rain **will have stopped** by this afternoon.  4.1
 Some people think that sea levels **will have risen** by as much as a metre in 50 years' time.
 Laura **won't have arrived** before dinner, so I'll leave some food in the oven for her.
 When **will they have learned** enough English to be able to communicate fluently?

- We use the future perfect (**will have + past participle**) to say something will be finished before a certain time in the future.
- This tense is frequently used with the time expressions **by Saturday / March / 2030, etc.**, or **in two weeks / months, etc.**
- **by + a time expression = at the latest.** With **in**, you can say **in six months** or **in six months' time**.
- We form the negative with **won't have + past participle**, and make questions by inverting the subject and **will / won't**.

future continuous: **will be + verb + -ing**

1 Don't phone between 7.00 and 8.30, as we'll **be having** dinner then.  4.2
 Good luck with your test tomorrow. I'll **be thinking** of you.
Will you be waiting for me when I get off the train?
 This time tomorrow, I'll **be sitting** at a café, **drinking** a beer.
 2 You don't need to get up early. **We won't be leaving** until about 9.30.
 I'll **be going** to the supermarket later. Do you want anything?

- 1 We use the future continuous (**will be + verb + -ing**) to say that an action will be in progress at a certain time in the future.
 Compare:
*Come at around 7.30. **We'll have** dinner at 8.00.* (= we will start dinner at 8.00)
 and
*Don't phone between 7.00 and 8.30, as **we'll be having** dinner.* (= at 8.00 we will already have started having dinner)
- We form the negative with **won't be + verb + -ing** and make questions by inverting the subject and **will / won't**.
- 2 We sometimes use the future continuous, like the present continuous, to talk about things which are already planned or decided.

a Complete the sentence using the future perfect or future continuous.

- The film starts at 7.00, but I won't arrive until 7.15. When I arrive at the cinema, the film **will have started**. (start)
- 1 The flight to Geneva takes off at 9.00 and lands at 10.30. At 10.00 they _____ to Geneva. (fly)
 - 2 I usually save €200 a month.
By the end of the year, I _____ €2,400. (save)
 - 3 Rebecca leaves at 6.30. It takes her an hour to get to work.
At 7.00 tomorrow, she _____ to work. (drive)
 - 4 The meeting starts at 2.00 and finishes at 3.30.
Don't call me at 2.30, because we _____ a meeting. (have)
 - 5 Sam is paying for his car. The last payment is in May.
By June, he _____ for his car. (pay)
 - 6 Their last exam is on 31st May.
By the end of May, they _____ their exams. (finish)
 - 7 She writes a chapter of her novel a week. This week she's on chapter five.
By the end of this week, she _____ five chapters. (write)
 - 8 Sonia is usually at the gym between 6.30 and 7.30.
There's no point phoning Sonia now. It's 7.00 and she _____ at the gym. (work out)

b Complete the conversation with the verbs in brackets in the future perfect or continuous.

- A Well, it looks like we'll **be having** very _____ (have) different weather in the future if climate change continues.
 B What do you mean?
 A Well, they say **we'll be having** much higher temperatures here in London, as high as 40°. And remember, we
 1 _____ on the beach – we _____ (not lie)
 2 _____ in 40°, which is quite _____ (work) different. And islands like the Maldives
 3 _____ by 2100 because _____ (disappear) of the rise in the sea level. They say the number of storms and tsunamis
 4 _____ by the middle of _____ (double) the century, too, so even more people
 5 _____ to the cities by _____ (move) then, looking for work. Big cities
 6 _____ even bigger by _____ (grow) then. Can you imagine the traffic?
 B I don't think there will be a problem with the traffic. Petrol 7 _____ (run out) completely by then anyway, so nobody will have a car. Someone
 8 _____ a new method of _____ (invent) transport, so we 9 _____ (get) around in flying taxis or something.

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