

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.)

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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.

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

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.)

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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.

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**.*

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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.