4.4 Grammar

Future Continuous

GRAMMAR Future Continuous

I'll be speaking with a Scottish accent.
I won't be living in Bedford.
What will you be doing?
Will you be working? Yes, I will./No, I won't.

Time expressions
this time next month/year, this/next weekend/week, in five years/in five years' time, at 9 p.m. tonight, in the future

1 ● Match the sentence halves.

1 [c] At 6 p.m. tonight, I'll
2 [ ] When will
3 [ ] Harry and Andrew won't be
4 [ ] In twenty
5 [ ] Next summer, Anya
6 [ ] What will you be

a years, I'll be working for a big company.
b doing at 10 p.m. tonight?
c ~~be having dinner with my family~~.
d will be working at a summer camp.
e Liz be having her interview?
f working here next year.

2 ● Complete the post and comments with the Future Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Shirley Thomas
Yay! The exams are finally over and this time next week, I [1] *'ll be working* (work) in an animal shelter. What about you? What [2] _____ (you/do) this summer?

Graeme Marks In two weeks, I [3] _____ (start) a summer job at the beach.

Julia Somme We [4] _____ (not go) abroad on holiday.

Ritchie Alba I [5] _____ (stay) in Greece with my cousin!

Gemma Sykes That sounds cool, Shirley! [6] _____ (you/write) about the shelter on your blog?

Shirley Thomas Of course! And I [7] _____ (post) lots of photos of our animals too!

3 ●● Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

1 I hope I'll be working with animals *in* the future.
2 Will you _____ seeing Alice tonight?
3 What will you be doing _____ 10 a.m. tomorrow?
4 They _____ be studying Italian next year because they won't have time.
5 This is my last year at this school. _____ year, I'll be starting a new school.
6 In twenty years, I hope I'll be _____ an interesting job.

4 ●●● Complete the blog post with the Future Continuous form of the verbs below. There are two extra verbs.

apply design earn gain have show start ~~study~~ relax work

How I'll get my dream job

I love technology and my dream is to become an app developer. These are the things I think I'll be doing at different times to achieve this dream.

1 This year, I *will be studying* for my exams.
2 In two years, I _____ for university.
3 While I'm at university, I _____ my own apps.
4 In five years, I _____ job interviews.
5 In ten years, I _____ lots of experience in a tech company.
6 In fifteen years, I _____ my own company.
7 In twenty years, I _____ lots of money.
8 I'll retire early, and in thirty years, I _____ on a beach!

What about you? What's your dream job?

I can use the Future Continuous to talk about actions in progress in the future.

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