

# VERBS, FUTURE CONTINUOUS

## THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS

The **future continuous** is used to indicate that the **actions or events were in progress for some times in the future**. Future continuous is formed with “**will be**” plus a **present participle**. The present participle is the verb in base form plus the suffix **-ing**.

### Future Simple

We **will** go to school.

She **will** study English.

### Future Continuous

We **will be going** to school.

She **will be studying** English.

I **will be jogging** after work.

We **will be having** breakfast when you arrive.

When they graduate, they **will be working** for nonprofit organizations.

By this time next week, we **will be relaxing** at the beach.

**Practice1:** Complete the sentence in the future continuous (with verbs in parentheses)

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ tennis. (play)
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner. (set up)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner. (get ready)
4. His friend \_\_\_\_\_ the army with him. (join)
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ arms to fight invaders. (take up)
6. Education \_\_\_\_\_ my future. (shape)
7. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ for her attention. (vie)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ good feelings when he is around. (have)
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ his parents over for dinner. (have)
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ myself. (be)
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ his homework. (finish)
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ us next week. (visit)
13. Traveling expenses \_\_\_\_\_ my main concern. (become)
14. His company \_\_\_\_\_ a big profit. (reap)
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ the package. (tape)
16. They \_\_\_\_\_ for the holidays. (stay over)
17. John \_\_\_\_\_ of his savings. (tap out)

18. She \_\_\_\_\_ the way he will behave. (approve)
19. The bees \_\_\_\_\_ intruders. (swarm)
20. They \_\_\_\_\_ when the enemy arrives. (lay in wait)

### Answers1:

1. They **will be playing** tennis.
2. She **will be setting up** for dinner.
3. He **will be getting ready** for dinner.
4. His friend **will be joining** the army with him.
5. She **will be taking up** arms to fight invaders.
6. Education **will be shaping** my future.
7. Everyone **will be vying** for her attention.
8. I **will be having** good feelings when he is around.
9. He **will be having** his parents over for dinner.
10. I **will be being** myself.
11. He **will be finishing** his homework.
12. They **will be visiting** us next week.
13. Traveling expenses **will be becoming** my main concern.
14. His company **will be reaping** a big profit.
15. She **will be taping** the package.
16. They **will be staying over** for the holidays.
17. John **will be tapping out** of his savings.
18. She **will be approving** the way he will behave.
19. The bees **will be swarming** intruders.
20. They **will be lying in wait** when the enemy arrives.

### THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS NEGATIVE

For negative statement in the future continuous, “**not**” is added after “**will**”.

I **will be studying** algebra -> I **will not be studying** algebra.

He **will be making** an important decision -> He **will not be making** an important decision.

She **will be working** at the pharmacy -> She **will not be working** at the pharmacy.

The dog **will be napping** -> The dog **will not be napping**.

We **were running** late -> We **will not be running** late.

They **were having** a lot of second thought -> They **will not be having** second thought.

-> They **will not be having** any second thought.

**Notice:** “**any**” is used in the opposite of “**a lot**”

**Practice2:** Change the sentences to future continuous negative statements.

1. They **will be playing** tennis.
2. She **will be setting up** for dinner.
3. He **will be getting ready** for dinner.
4. His friend **will be joining** the army with him.
5. She **will be taking up** arms to fight invaders.
6. Education **will be shaping** my future.
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20. They **will be lying in wait** when the enemy arrives.

**Answers2:**

1. They **will not be playing** tennis.
2. She **will not be setting up** for dinner.
3. He **will not be getting ready** for dinner.
4. His friend **will not be joining** the army with him.
5. She **will not be taking up** arms to fight invaders.
6. Education **will not be shaping** my future.
7. Everyone **will not be vying** for her attention.
8. I **will not be having** good feelings when he is around.
9. He **will not be having** his parents over for dinner.
10. I **will not be being** myself.
11. He **will not be finishing** his homework.
12. They **will not be visiting** us next week.
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## THE FUTURE CONTINUOUS QUESTIONS

For questions with the future continuous, “**will**” switches position with the **subject**.

Tom **will be doing** homework -> **Will** Tom **be doing** homework?

I **will be making** good of my promise -> **Will** I **be making** good of my promise?

She **will be working** on her project -> **Will** She **be working** on her project?

We **will be having** a great time -> **Will** we **be having** a great time?

They **will be exhibiting** their works -> **Will** they **be exhibiting** their works?

We **will be betting** on his success -> **Will** we **be betting** on his success?

**Practice3:** Change the sentences to future continuous questions.

1. They **will be playing** tennis.
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**Answer3:**

1. **Will** they **be playing** tennis?
2. **Will** she **be setting up** for dinner?
3. **Will** he **be getting ready** for dinner?
4. **Will** his friend **be joining** the army with him?

5. **Will** she **be taking up** arms to fight invaders?
6. **Will** education **be shaping** my future?
7. **Will** everyone **be vying** for her attention?
8. **Will** I **be having** good feelings when he is around?
9. **Will** he **be having** his parents over for dinner?
10. **Will** I **be being** myself?
11. **Will** he **be finishing** his homework?
12. **Will** they **be visiting** us next week?
13. **Will** traveling expenses **be becoming** my main concern?
14. **Will** his company **be reaping** a big profit?
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