

VERBS, FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

The **future perfect continuous** is often used in a sentence to describe an **ongoing action or event** that will take place **in the future**. Such sentence is usually accompanied by a phrase or clause indicating **the duration of the action in the future**.

Future perfect continuous is formed with “**will have been**” plus a **present participle**. The present participle is the verb in **base form** plus the suffix **-ing**.

Future Simple

We will work on the project.

She will study English.

Future Perfect Continuous

We **will have been working** on the project.

She **will have been studying** English.

The **future perfect continuous** sentences are usually accompanied by a phrase or clause indicating **the duration of the action in the future**.

We **will have been working** on the project **for a year by July**.

By September, she **will have been studying** English **for three years**.

His ordeal **will have been going on** **for decades before it gets resolved**.

By next month, we **will have been marrying** **for thirty years**.

Practice: Change the **future tense** of the sentences to **future perfect continuous**.

1. We **will reach** our destination next week.
2. She **will drive** for six hours by noon.
3. School **will shape** my future by graduation.
4. By next year, they **will play** soccer for a decade.
5. **Will** she **finish** her study next week?
6. He **will not get** a new job by next month.
7. Everyone **will vie** for her attention at the party.
8. I **will have** good feelings when she arrives.
9. He **will have** his parents over for dinner every week.
10. I **will be** ready when the time comes.
11. He **will sport** a beard next time you see him.
12. The house **will be** ready when they arrive.

13. The truth **will come out** with time.
14. Will he **drive** across the country by tomorrow?
15. She **will arrive** in New York by 8 p.m.
16. They **will behave** by the time their mom gets home.
17. He **will not be** tapped out physically before the match ends.
18. She **will approve** the way he behaves.
19. The bees **will die** by the thousands in spring.
20. They **will not lay down** their arms when attacked.

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