

Future Tenses

There are four future tense forms:

1. Simple future tense
2. The future continuous tense
3. The future perfect tense
4. The future perfect continuous

- (1) **Simple Future Tense** is used to refer to an action which will happen in the future. It's used to talk about things that haven't happened yet. This means it talks about an action or condition that will **begin** and **end** in the **future**.

It is formed using **will /shall + the base verb.**

They **will play** football in that field.

Ali **will go** to the library tomorrow.

I **will write** articles on different topics.

- (2) **The Future Continuous Tense** is used to refer to an action will happen in the future and continue for an expected length of time. It is formed using the construction

will + be + verb + -ing).

He **will be planning** about his studies.

I **will be playing** tennis at 10 tomorrow.

They **will be making** preparation for their exams.

- (3) **The Future Perfect Tense** is only used in a few situations. It refers to **a completed action** in the future. It is most often used with **a time expression**. It is formed using the construction:

will + have + past participle

By six tonight I **will have finished** this book.

By this time next week she **will have cooked** dinner.

By next year you **will have studied** the English tenses.

- (4) **Future Perfect Continuous Tense** is used to refer to an action **will continue up until a point in the future**. It is formed using the construction:

will + have + been + v + - ing

I **will have been painting** for four hours.

I **will have been traveling** for two days.

On Thursday, I **will have been working** for a week.

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of **be going to**.

1. The dog is dirty. We(wash) him.
2. I(visit) my grandparents on Saturday.
3. We(eat) at a restaurant tonight. It's my mum's birthday.
4. Paul (play) basketball later.
5. When you (study) for the test?
6. My mum (not work) this week. She's on holiday.
7. What you(do) this afternoon?

Exercise 2

Use the correct form of future tense from the given options.

1. The teacher ____ shortly. (will arrive/ arrives)
2. The program ____ for some time now. (will continue/continues)
3. The cat ____ meowing a lot after the vaccine. (will be/ will have been)
4. The book is quite lengthy. I ____ it for sometime. (will be reading/will have been reading)
5. We ____ our bedroom next month. (will paint/paints)
6. My brother ____ for me. (will be waiting/ waited)
7. I ____ home next week. (will be returning/returned)
8. Fred ____ us soon. (will visit/visits)
9. It ____ Christmas next week. (will be/is)
10. Tom ____ completed the chore by then. (will have/will have been have)

Exercise 3

Make the correct tense.

- 1) future simple (She / win the competition?)
- 2) future continuous (She / wait when we arrive)
- 3) future perfect (By next week I / finish this work)
- 4) future perfect continuous (I / live here for one year next week)
- 5) future simple (Who / pass the exam?)
- 6) future perfect continuous (She / study so she will be tired)
- 7) future continuous (How / you / get home?)
- 8) future simple (I / come later)
- 9) future perfect (She / catch the train by 3pm)
- 10) future simple (It / rain tomorrow)
- 11) future perfect (We / arrive in Bermuda by this time tomorrow)
- 12) future continuous (John / sleep at 4am)
- 13) future perfect (I / not / complete the report by 5pm tomorrow)
- 14) future perfect continuous (How long / you / see your boyfriend
when you get married?)
- 15) future perfect (You / have dinner by 8pm?)