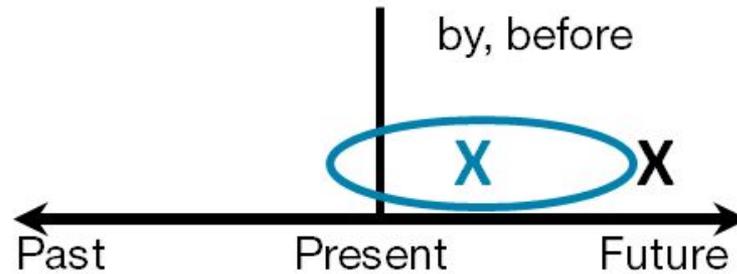


# ENGLISH GRAMMAR

## Lesson 5



## Future Perfect Tense



will + have + Past Participle

## Future Perfect Tense

FORM	Affirmative	+	S + will + have + V3 She will have worked
	Interrogative	?	Will + S + have + V3 Will she have worked?
	Negative	-	S + will + not + have + V3 She will not have worked



# WHEN SHOULD WE USE THE FUTURE PERFECT SIMPLE?

1: We use the future perfect to say 'how long' for an action that starts before and continues up to another action or time in the future. Usually we need 'for'. We can also use the future perfect continuous here so we often use the future perfect simple with stative verbs. If we use 'when', we usually need the present simple.

- When we get married, I'll have known Robert for four years.
- At 4 o'clock, I'll have been in this office for 24 hours.

Sometimes we could also use the present perfect in the same situation. But we like to use the future perfect to make the time an easy number.

- I've lived here for 11 months and three weeks. (This is correct, but the time is not an easy number.)
- On Tuesday, I will have lived here for one year. (A much easier number.)

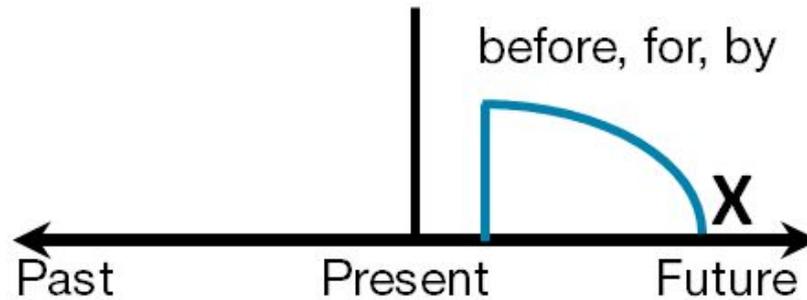


2: We use the future perfect with a future time word, (and often with 'by') to talk about an action that will finish before a certain time in the future, but we don't know exactly when.

- By 10 o'clock, I will have finished my homework. (= I will finish my homework some time before 10, but we don't know exactly when.)
- By the time I'm sixty, I will have retired. (= I will retire sometime before I'm sixty. Maybe when I'm fifty-nine, maybe when I'm fifty-two.)



# Future Perfect Continuous Tense



**will + have been + V-ing**

## Future Perfect Tense

FORM	Affirmative	+	S + will + have + V3 She will have worked
	Interrogative	?	Will + S + have + V3 Will she have worked?
	Negative	-	S + will + not + have + V3 She will not have worked



# WHEN SHOULD WE USE THE FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS?

1: Just like with the other perfect continuous tenses, we can use the future perfect continuous to say 'how long' for an action that continues up to another point in the future. The second point can be a time or another action. Generally, we need 'for + length of time' and if we use 'when' or 'by the time', we usually use the present simple.

- In April, she will have been teaching for twelve years.
- By the time you arrive, I'll have been cooking for hours!

In the same way as with the future perfect simple, we often use the future perfect continuous because we like easy numbers. It's also possible to use the present perfect continuous, but then we get a more complicated number.

- I've been working here for 11 months and three weeks. (This is correct, but the time is not an easy number.)
- On Tuesday, I will have been working here for one year. (A much easier number.)



2: We can use the future perfect continuous, like the other perfect continuous tenses, to talk about something that finishes just before another time or action (in this case, in the future). It's often used because there will be a result at the second point in the future. (Again, if we use 'when' we usually need the present simple.)

- When I see you, I'll have been studying, so I'll be tired.



## The Future Perfect Simple and Continuous Exercise

will have driven  
will have been driving

**A** Fill the gaps with the verb in brackets using either the **future perfect simple** or **continuous** tenses.

- 1 By the time we get to the party, Fat Bob ..... everything.(eat)
- 2 When we get to March, Jimbo ..... in Thailand for 18 months.(live)
- 3 There's no point going now. The bus ..... by the time we get there.(leave)
- 4 Be prepared to stand up during the concert as they ..... all the seats by now.  
(take)
- 5 Come June, we ..... out together for four months.(go out)
- 6 When you get to L.A., you ..... for seven hours.(fly)
- 7 I'm sure that when we go to the meeting, all the important decisions .....  
beforehand.(take PASSIVE)
- 8 This time tomorrow I ..... all my exams.(finish)
- 9 A week Friday we ..... the course.(complete)
- 10 Old Mr Macawber ..... maths for 30 years by the end of this term.(teach)
- 11 Come next spring, we ..... in Kyoto for two years.(work)
- 12 By the time you wake up tomorrow morning, Pete ..... in Qingdao.(arrive)
- 13 At this rate, we ..... everything ready by six o'clock.(get)
- 14 Johnson ..... at sea 7 days by the time he enters French waters.(be)
- 15 If what scientists say is true, humans ..... life a miserable existence within the  
next 15 years.(make)



Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses.

1. By the time we get to Chicago this evening, we (drive)  more than four hundred miles. We are going to be exhausted.
2. When Sarah goes on vacation next month, she (study)  German for over two years. She should be able to communicate fairly well while she is in Austria.
3. I have not traveled much yet; however, I (visit)  the Grand Canyon and San Francisco by the time I leave the United States.
4. By the time you finish studying the verb tense tutorial, you (master)  all twelve tenses including their passive forms.
5. Drive faster! If you don't hurry up, she (have)  the baby by the time we get to the hospital.
6. I came to England six months ago. I started my economics course three months ago. When I return to Australia, I (study)  for nine months and I (be)  in England for exactly one year.
7. Margie just called and said she would be here at 8 o'clock. By the time she gets here, we (wait)  for her for two hours.
8. Frank just changed jobs again. If he keeps this up, he (change)  jobs at least four or five times by the end of the year.
9. Come over to my house around 9 o'clock. By then, I (complete)  my history essay and we can go see a movie.
10. In June, my grandmother and grandfather (be)  married for fifty years.



Make the future tenses. It could be a positive sentence, a negative sentence or a question.

1. future simple (She / win the competition?)

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2. future continuous (She / wait when we arrive)

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3. future perfect (By next week I / finish this work)

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4. future perfect continuous (I / live here for one year next week)

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5. future simple (Who / pass the exam?)

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6. future perfect continuous (She / study so she will be tired)

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7. future continuous (How / you / get home?)

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8. future simple (I / come later)

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9. future perfect (She / catch the train by 3pm)

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10. future simple (It / rain tomorrow)



11. future perfect (We / arrive in Bermuda by this time tomorrow)

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12. future continuous (John / sleep at 4am)

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13. future perfect (I / not / complete the report by 5pm tomorrow)

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14. future perfect continuous (How long / you / see your boyfriend when you get married?)

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15. future perfect (You / have dinner by 8pm?)

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16. future continuous (It / rain in Scotland next week)

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17. future perfect (When / she / sell the house?)

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18. future simple (She / not / do her homework)

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19. future perfect continuous (How long / you / work here when you retire?)

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20. future perfect (When / you / do everything you want to?)

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## Future Tenses Exercise

1. The train \_\_\_\_\_ (to arrive) at 12:30.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (to have) dinner at a seaside restaurant on Sunday.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ (to snow) in Brighton tomorrow evening.
4. On Friday at 8 o'clock I \_\_\_\_\_ (to meet) my friend.
5. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (to fly) to London on Monday morning.
6. Wait! I \_\_\_\_\_ (to drive) you to the station.
7. The English lesson \_\_\_\_\_ (to start) at 8:45.
8. Are you still writing your essay? If you \_\_\_\_\_ (to finish) by 4pm, we can go for a walk.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (to see) my mother in April.
10. Look at the clouds – it \_\_\_\_\_ (to rain) in a few minutes.
11. When they \_\_\_\_\_ (to get) married in March, they \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) together for six years.
12. You're carrying too much. I \_\_\_\_\_ (to open) the door for you.
13. Do you think the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (to mark) our homework by Monday morning?
14. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (to see) you tomorrow, I \_\_\_\_\_ (show) you my new book.
15. After you \_\_\_\_\_ (to take) a nap, you \_\_\_\_\_ (to feel) a lot better.
16. I'm sorry but you need to stay in the office until you \_\_\_\_\_ (to finish) your work.
17. I \_\_\_\_\_ (to buy) the cigarettes from the corner shop when it \_\_\_\_\_ (to open).
18. I \_\_\_\_\_ (to let) you know the second the builders \_\_\_\_\_ (to finish) decorating.
19. Before we \_\_\_\_\_ (to start) our lesson, we \_\_\_\_\_ (to have) a review.
20. We \_\_\_\_\_ (to wait) in the shelter until the bus \_\_\_\_\_ (to come).
21. I'm very sorry Dr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) back in the clinic until 2pm.
22. This summer, I \_\_\_\_\_ (to live) in Brighton for four years.
23. I don't think you \_\_\_\_\_ (to have) any problems when you land in Boston.
24. The baby should be due soon, next week she \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) pregnant for nine months.
25. By the time we get home, they \_\_\_\_\_ (to play) football for 30 minutes.
26. In three years I \_\_\_\_\_ (to live) in a different country.
27. When you \_\_\_\_\_ (to get) off the train, I \_\_\_\_\_ (to wait) for you by the ticket machine.
28. \_\_\_\_\_ (to take) your children with you to France?
29. This time next week I \_\_\_\_\_ (ski) in Switzerland!
30. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ (to check) my answers.



**Use the Future Perfect, the Future Simple or the Present Simple Tense instead of the infinitives in brackets.**

1. I ... (hope) when I ... (come) back, you ... (finish) your homework.
2. You ... (be) late. By the time you ... (get) there they ... (eat) everything up.
3. Too many people ... (fall) ill every day. I'm afraid by the end of the month the epidemic ... (spread) here.
4. These batteries ... (run) out in two days. Don't forget to charge them.
5. Your watch ... (be) slow. We ... (be) late! The party ... (begin) by the time we ... (come).
6. The house is very old. They ... (demolish) it by the time you ... (come) to our city again, I think.
7. Tornadoes ... (speed) through the island every year. By the end of the season they... (damage) many buildings and ... (injure) and ... (kill) many people.
8. By that time you ... (go) crazy or ... (forget) it all.



## Future simple, future continuous or future perfect?

Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form.

Please use short forms e.g. haven't instead of have not in negative statements and use long forms in positive statements e.g. I am instead of I'm.

1. In half an hour everybody  (watch) the film.
2. Next month we  (be married) for 25 years.
3. I suppose the concert  (finish) about 6.
4. John is very upset today. I  (try) to talk to him.
5. By the end of the week he  (spend) all his money.
6. Sorry, but I can't come at 5. I  (play) football with my mates.
7. By the time you arrive, she  (go).
8. I can visit you at 5. We  (finish) the game by then.
9. I think she  (pass) tomorrow's exam.
10. This time tomorrow I  (fly) to France.
11. Tomorrow she  (write) a very important exam.
12. I  (tell) you everything when I go back.
13. I  (be) very sad if you do that.
14. Don't phone me between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. I  (work).
15. This time next week I  (relax) at the beach.

