

# FUTURE CONTINUOUS/ FUTURE PERFECT



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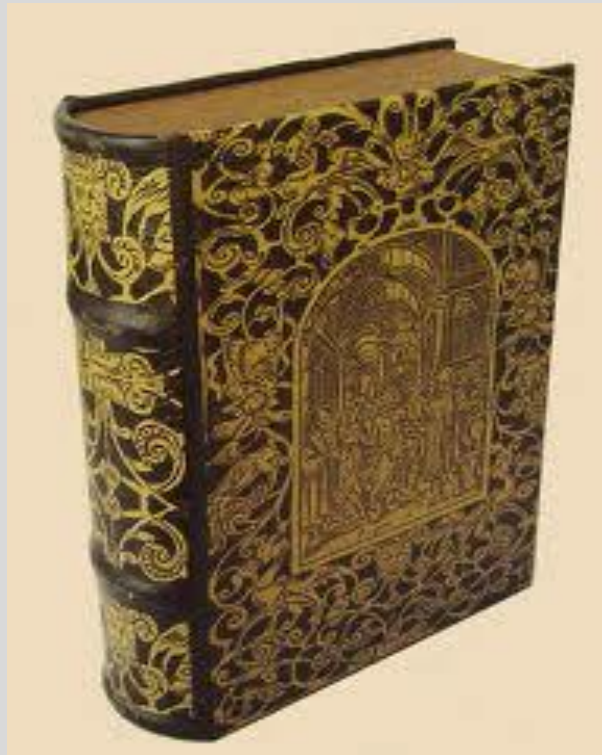
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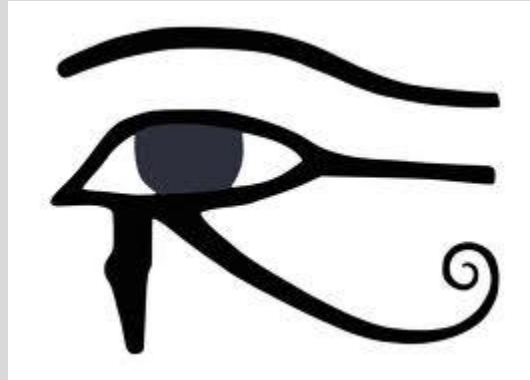
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# FUTURE CONTINUOUS

- FORM: WILL BE + VERB + -ING
- USE: To say that an action will be **in progress** at a certain time in the future.
- Examples:
  - *This time tomorrow, I'll **be lying** on the beach in the sun.*
  - *Don't phone me between 7 and 8 as we'll **be having** dinner then.*
  - *What **will** you **be doing** tomorrow at 12? (polite)*



# FUTURE CONTINUOUS



- The future continuous can also be used as an alternative to the present continuous to talk about things which are already planned or decided.
- E.g.: *I'll be going to the gym tomorrow afternoon.*



# FUTURE CONTINUOUS EXERCISES

**Can you complete these sentences using the verbs in brackets?**

- 1 This time tomorrow I'll \_\_\_\_\_ (study, work, walk, etc).
- 2 At 9 p.m next Saturday I'll \_\_\_\_\_ (cook, have, drive, etc.).
- 3 This time next week I'll \_\_\_\_\_ (work, ski, travel, etc).
- 4 At midnight next New year's Eve I'll \_\_\_\_\_ (dance, eat, drink, etc.).





# FUTURE PERFECT

**FORM:** WILL HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

**USE:** To say that something **will be finished** before a particular time in the future.

**Typical time expressions used :**

**IN** three weeks' / two years' / 10 hours' time / ...

**BY** Saturday/ **BY** next year/ **BY** the time you arrive / ...



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# FUTURE PERFECT

## Examples:

- *By this time next month I **'ll have done** all the work (i.e. the work will be finished next month at the latest).*
- *In 5 years' time I **'ll have had** two children.*
- *By the time we get to the cinema, the film **will have started**.*



# FUTURE PERFECT EXERCISES

**1. I am writing a book.**

By this time next month, I \_\_\_\_\_ the book.

**2. John is cleaning the house.**

By the time his parents arrive, John \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

**3. My mother is making dinner.**

By the time the guests arrive, my mother \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

**4. We are bringing our stuff to our new apartment.**

By this time tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_ all our stuff to our new apartment.



# FUTURE PERFECT AND FUTURE CONTINUOUS

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