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- Future Continuous has two different forms: "will be doing" and "going to be doing".
- Unlike **Simple Future** forms, Future Continuous forms are usually interchangeable.



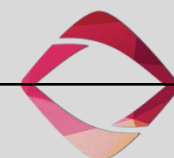
# The structure of the future continuous tense

subject	+	auxiliary verb WILL	+	auxiliary verb BE	+	main verb
		invariable		invariable		present participle
		<b>will</b>		<b>be</b>		<b>base + ing</b>

For negative sentences in the future continuous tense, we insert **not** between **will** and **be**. For question sentences, we exchange the **subject** and **will**.

these example sentences with the future continuous tense

	<b>subj ect</b>	<b>auxiliary verb</b>		<b>auxiliary verb</b>	<b>main verb</b>	
+	I	will		be	working	at 10am.
+	You	will		be	lying	on a beach tomorrow.
-	She	will	not	be	using	the car.
-	We	will	not	be	having	dinner at home.
?	Will	you		be	playing	football?
?	Will	they		be	watching	TV?



# FORM Future Continuous with "Be Going To "

[am/is/are + going to be + present participle]

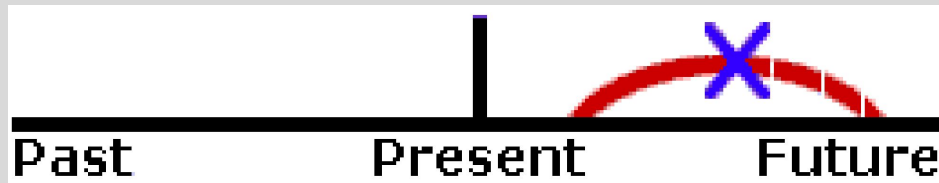
Examples:

- You **are going to be waiting** for her when her plane arrives tonight.
- **Are you going to be waiting** for her when her plane arrives tonight?
- You **are not going to be waiting** for her when her plane arrives tonight.

REMEMBER: *It is possible to use either "will" or "be going to" to create the Future Continuous with little difference in meaning.*



# USE 1 : Interrupted Action in the Future



Use the Future Continuous to indicate that a longer action in the future will be interrupted by a shorter action in the future. Remember this can be a real interruption or just an interruption in time.



# Examples:

- I **will be watching** TV when she *arrives* tonight.
- I **will be waiting** for you when your bus *arrives*.
- I **am going to be staying** at the Madison Hotel, if anything *happens* and you *need* to contact me.
- He **will be studying** at the library tonight, so he will not see Jennifer when she *arrives*.



## USE 2 : Specific Time as an Interruption in the Future



In USE 1, described above, the Future Continuous is interrupted by a short action in the future. In addition to using short actions as interruptions, you can also use a specific time as an interruption.





# Examples:

- Tonight at 6 PM, I **am going to be eating** dinner.  
*I will be in the process of eating dinner.*
- At midnight tonight, we **will still be driving** through the desert.  
*We will be in the process of driving through the desert.*



# REMEMBER

In the Simple Future, a specific time is used to show the time an action will begin or end.

In the Future Continuous, a specific time interrupts the action.

Examples:

- Tonight at 6 PM, I **am going to eat** dinner.

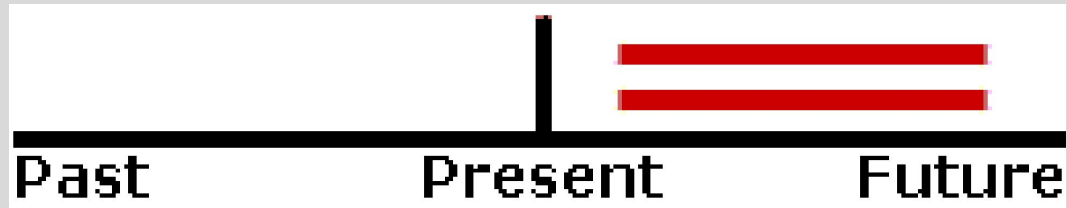
*I am going to start eating at 6 PM.*

- Tonight at 6 PM, I **am going to be eating** dinner.

*I am going to start earlier and I will be in the process of eating dinner at 6 PM.*



## USE 3 : Parallel Actions in the Future



When you use the Future Continuous with two actions in the same sentence, it expresses the idea that both actions will be happening at the same time. The actions are parallel.



# Examples:

- I **am going to be studying** and he **is going to be making** dinner.
- Tonight, they **will be eating** dinner, **discussing** their plans, and **having** a good time.
- While Ellen *is reading*, Tim **will be watching** television.  
*Notice "is reading" because of the time clause containing "while."*



# USE 4 : Atmosphere in the Future

In English, we often use a series of Parallel Actions to describe atmosphere at a specific point in the future.

Example:

- When I arrive at the party, everybody **is going to be celebrating**. Some **will be dancing**. Others **are going to be talking**. A few people **will be eating** pizza, and several people **are going to be drinking** beer. They always do the same thing.



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# REMEMBER No Future in Time Clauses

- Like all future tenses, the Future Continuous cannot be used in clauses beginning with time expressions such as: when, while, before, after, by the time, as soon as, if, unless, etc. Instead of Future Continuous, **Present Continuous** is used.

Examples:

- While I **am going to be finishing** my homework, she is going to make dinner. *Not Correct*
- While I **am finishing** my homework, she is going to make dinner. *Correct*



# REMEMBER Non-Continuous Verbs

- It is important to remember that **Non-Continuous Verbs** cannot be used in any continuous tenses. Also, certain non-continuous meanings for **Mixed Verbs** cannot be used in continuous tenses. Instead of using Future Continuous with these verbs, you must use **Simple Future**.

Examples:

- Jane **will be being** at my house when you arrive. *Not Correct*
- Jane **will be** at my house when you arrive. *Correct*





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